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50% US tariffs a reality now for India

Washington notifies addl 25% duty; exports to become uncompetitive

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The United States has notified an additional 25% duty on Indian goods effective August 27, taking the overall tariff to a steep 50%, a move that may virtually push a vast majority of Made-in-India products off the American shelves.

The new duties will apply to Indian goods entering the US for consumption or withdrawn from warehouses for consumption from August 27 (9.31 am IST August 28), as per a notice issued by the US Homeland Security.

A so-called "reciprocal" 25% tariff is already in force since August 1. The new tariff will take the total to 50%. This will erode competitiveness of Indian exporters as the competitors like Vietnam, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Japan and China face much lower duty.

The new duty is likely to further strain India-US relations. The US Homeland Security notice on India tariff was released hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that India would not compromise on the interests of farmers, small entrepreneurs and livestock rearers. While India's economy is largely domestic consumption-driven, different analysts peg 0.2 to 1 percentage point hit to India's GDP due to the tariff.

Rating agency Fitch said the uncertainty over the US tariff would weigh on business sentiment and investment. This is likely to make hundreds of thousands of people jobless, especially in labour-intensive sectors like textiles, leather, footwear and gems and jewellery.

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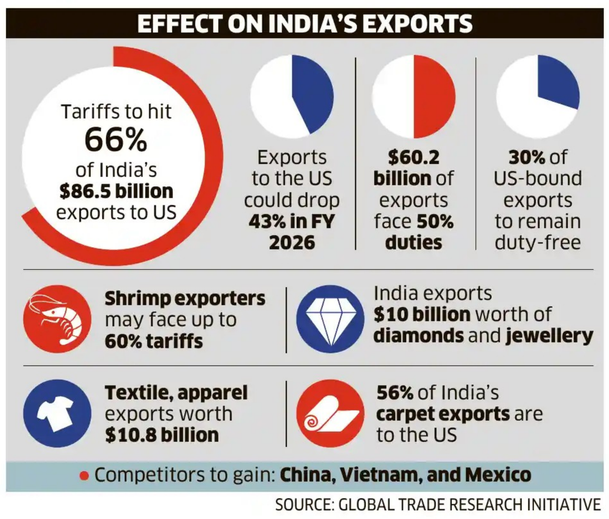
EFFECT ON INDIA'S EXPORTS
Tariffs to hit 66% of India's $86.5 billion exports to US
Exports to the US could drop 43% in FY 2026
$60.2 billion of exports face 50% duties
30% of US-bound exports to remain duty-free
Shrimp exporters may face up to 60% tariffs
India exports $10 billion worth of diamonds and jewellery
Textile, apparel exports worth $10.8 billion
56% of India's carpet exports are to the US
Competitors to gain: China, Vietnam, and Mexico

SOURCE: GLOBAL TRADE RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Sensex tumbles 849 points

Benchmark BSE Sensex tumbled 849 points to close below the 81,000 level on Tuesday due to widespread selling pressure after the US issued a draft notice on the implementation of an additional 25% tariff on Indian products. Page 12

DKS apologises for RSS prayer in House

BENGALURU, DHNS: Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar apologised on Tuesday for uttering the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) prayer in the Assembly while maintaining that it was not a mistake and slamming his detractors for questioning his loyalty toward Congress.

"To all Congressmen, party workers and political friends from the INDI Alliance who may be hurt...if you feel I have made a mistake, which I have not, I would be ready to apologise. I would like to apologise," Shivakumar, who is also the Karnataka Congress president, told a news conference. He ruled out pressure from the party top brass for his apology.

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On campaign name row

Shivakumar revealed that a complaint was lodged against him when he named the Congress' 1999 election campaign Panchajanya. "One central leader told Sonia Gandhi that Panchajanya is the RSS' mouthpiece. When she asked me about it, I said it is the name of Lord Krishna's conch," he said.

SC: Does Guv have power to withhold money Bill?

Maha govt counsel: Guv's power to deny assent not open to judicial review

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked if the Governor's independent power to withhold a Bill is recognised, then can he straightaway withhold a money Bill.

A five-judge bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, P S Narasimha and A S Chandurkar, said the Centre's contention is a little problematic because, at the threshold, if the Governor withholds the Bill, even textually, then even a money Bill can be withheld.

Senior advocate Harish Salve, representing the Maharashtra government, replied that he can. He maintained that the Governor's power to withhold a Bill is not available for judicial review.

The court was hearing submissions on the presidential reference, which raised constitutional questions on whether the court can impose timelines for Governors and the President to deal with Bills passed by state assemblies.

The bench pointed out that the proviso to Article 200 says that, except in the case of a money Bill, a Governor can return the Bill to the Assembly for reconsideration.

Salve contended that if the court held that the Governor has no right to withhold assent on Bills on the reading of Article 200 (of the Constitution), that is another matter.

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Collegium pick: Justice Nagarathna dissents

The Supreme Court collegium's decision on Monday recommending the elevation of Patna High Court's Chief Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi for appointment as judge of the top court was faced with a dissent. Justice B V Nagarathna, in her dissent, reportedly cited Justice Pancholi's 57th rank in the all-India list of seniority as well as the issue of regional representation. Details on Page 10

Sex detection scan done at govt hospital

BENGALURU, DHNS: The government district hospital in Ramanagara was found to be revealing the sex of the foetus to a woman in violation of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act.

After the incident came to light, officials from the health department visited the hospital and seized the scanning machine which was used to perform the scan on the woman.

The officials have instructed the hospital staff to not use the machines until the investigations are complete.

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Rain havoc: 13 dead in Jammu region

A landslide on the route to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop the Trikuta hill on Tuesday afternoon killed at least nine people, while several were feared trapped. And at least four people were killed in Jammu's Doda district after a cloudburst triggered flash floods and damaged several houses.

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75-member GBA constituted

The government on Tuesday constituted the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), setting in motion the process of operationalising the new entity that will play the role of a co-ordinator between the five corporations. The committee—headed by CM Siddaramaiah—has 75 members.

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NCLAT member says judge sought favour, recuses himself

NEW DELHI, PTI: In a rare incident, a judicial member of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has alleged being "approached by one of the most revered members of the higher judiciary", seeking an order in favour of a party, and has recused himself from hearing the matter.

The Chennai-based bench of the appellate tribunal has even recorded the incidence in a two-paragraph order passed on August 13. Justice Sharad Kumar Sharma, the judicial member of the NCLAT, has recused himself from hearing the matter.

The bench was hearing an appeal filed by A S Reddy, suspended director of Hyderabad-based KLSR Infratech, which is facing Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process.

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*Niti Aayog 'Transforming Child Nutrition' Report, 2023

Lakebed in Harlur dumped with debris as authorities 'stay silent'

Locals suspect the hand of a prominent builder

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

In yet another instance of lake land under threat, parts of an abandoned waterbody in Harlur, located in one of the city's fastest growing real estate pockets, have been encroached upon and levelled with debris.

The parcel of land, close to Sarjapur Main Road, is being flattened in what appears to be preparation for construction.

Sprawled over one acre and three guntas, the land is located in Survey Number 24 of Ambalipura village, Varthur Hobli.

Revenue records show it is not just government land, but also marked as 'sarkari kunte' (pond). One side of the 'kunte' is lined with trees and the other abuts Harlur Main Road.

Over the years, the waterbody was abandoned and turned into a dumping yard. Now, fresh soil is being brought in trucks to level the land. While the BBMP has built a park in part of the survey number, the remaining portions are being encroached upon.

What is referred to as 'kunte' (pond) in revenue records is now flattened with debris. DH PHOTO/NAVEEN MENEZES

Residents allege authorities have remained silent despite repeated complaints. The land is valued at over Rs 60 crore, yet the encroacher remains unidentified.

KS Kangheyan, a social worker from Mahadevapura, said the encroachment will choke the lake's catchment, affecting groundwater recharge.

"While the government advocates this vital practice, there has been systematic closure and encroachment of natural ponds. Alarmingly, despite numerous follow-up efforts, there has been a lack of meaningful action taken to address this situation," he said, questioning the government's commitment to protect water resources.

Residents have approached both the BBMP and the Revenue Department, the custodian of lakes below three acres. Yet no official has visited the spot, disclosed who is behind the encroachment, or confirmed whether a land survey has been carried out.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Jagadish K Naik said he was unaware of the issue. "I will check and come back," he said.

Locals suspect a prominent builder is behind the encroachment.

People take home brightly painted Ganesha idols from stalls on RV Road on Tuesday, on the eve of Ganesh Chaturthi. DH PHOTO/KISHOR KUMAR BOLAR

Three held for attacking duo over wearing saffron towel

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Kalasipalyam police arrested three men for allegedly abusing and attacking a worker for wearing a saffron towel, officials said on Tuesday.

The arrested are Tabrez, 30, a mechanic from Nagawara; Imran Khan, 35, a radium cutting worker from Banashankari; and Ajeez Khan, 47, from Tilak Nagar, a real estate worker.

The police said the incident occurred on August 24 at 9.30 pm near the Royal Travels office, opposite the Kalasipalyam BMTC bus stand.

The FIR, based on a complaint by Harikrishna, 33, incharge of loading and unloading at Royal Travels, stated that he and his workers were on duty when the suspects confronted Shilendra Kumar, 26, a worker from Bihar.

"They shoved Shilendra Kumar after asking him why he wore a saffron towel. When I intervened, they abused and beat me up, and tore my shirt. They also asked me why my workers were allowed to wear saffron towels," Harikrishna alleged in the FIR.

The police first filed a Non-Cognizable Report and then registered the FIR on August 25 after securing permission from a local court. The suspects were remanded to judicial custody for 15 days.

Prime suspect in rowdy's murder held at Delhi airport

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka CID arrested the prime suspect in the murder of rowdy-sheeter Shivakumar alias Biklu Shiva at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi.

Jagadish alias Jagga was detained by immigration officials on arrival from Sri Lanka and handed over to CID officers. He was brought to Bengaluru and will be produced before a magistrate, where the CID is likely to seek custody.

BJP MLA Byrathi Basavaraj is also a suspect in the case and has been questioned twice by investigators.

Shivakumar (40) was brutally attacked and killed near his residence on Meanee Avenue Road, Bharathinagar, on the night of July 15.

Eleven suspects were arrested by the Bengaluru police, including five who surrendered claiming responsibility, before the case was transferred to the CID. A lookout circular was subsequently issued against Jagadish.

Sources said moments after the murder, Jagadish fled to Chennai and flew to Dubai. He later travelled through Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka before returning to India.

The CID will probe his key role in the murder and who funded his foreign travel, sources said.

Parts of skeleton found in garbage

BENGALURU, DHNS: Parts of a human skeleton were found in a garbage dump in southeastern Bengaluru on Tuesday, causing panic among residents.

Police said the skeletal remains were disposed of by a local resident whose daughter had brought them home for her medical studies.

Pourakarmikas cleaning the premises in Govindashettipalya spotted what looked like a skull and a few bones and alerted the police.

During inquiry, the resident appeared before the police and admitted he had dumped the remains.

After verifying his claims that his daughter, an MBBS student, had brought them home for her studies, the police issued him a warning to be cautious in future.

Four arrested for house theft

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Govindarajanagar police have arrested four people who allegedly committed a series of house break-ins and thefts, officials said.

From the arrested, the police recovered stolen gold ornaments and a car worth Rs 44.24 lakh.

The probe began after the suspects broke into a house in Mudalapalya in July.

Using CCTV and other technical evidence, the four were arrested.

Investigations revealed that the suspects were involved in at least nine cases in Bengaluru and other parts of the state, including Hassan, Bidar, and Chitradurga.

The four were remanded in judicial custody.

Efforts are on to trace a fifth suspect, the police said.

Begur case

In a separate case, the Begur police arrested another suspect for house break-in and theft and recovered valuables worth Rs 20.9 lakh, officials said.

IN THE CITY

GENERAL

Felicitation to Ravivarma Kumar: CM Siddaramaiah; Anu Sivaraman, HT Narendra Prasad, Banu Mushtaq, K Shashikiran Shetty, AS Ponnanna, Uday Holla; Bangalore Advocates' Association, Ravivarma Kumar Associates; Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha; 5.30 pm.

Lecture: 'Why We Failed to Develop Like the Japanese' by Ramesh KN; MC Narendra; Kannada Yuvajana Sangha Hall, Hombegowdanagar; 6.30 pm.

CITY WEATHER

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with light rain or drizzle

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	28.0°C
Minimum	20.0°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	65%
Sunset (Aug 27)	6:35 pm
Sunrise (Aug 28)	6:08 am
Moonrise	8:27 am
Moonset	8:36 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

BBMP readies lakes for Ganesha immersion

Authorities set up 41 lakes and 489 temporary tanks

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has completed preparations at city lakes for Ganesha immersions, setting up 41 lakes and 489 temporary tanks.

Barricades have been placed at all immersion points. The BBMP has deployed swimmers, installed CCTV cameras, and arranged lighting to ensure safety. Auto tippers will transport collected waste from the lakes.

Dates for immersion

At Yediyur Lake, immersions are permitted between August 27 and September 7.

At Ulsoor Lake, they will continue till September 30.

Immersions will close at Sankey Lake after September 4 and at Hebbal Lake by September 10.

Women offer 'bagina' as part of the Gowri habba at Mahalakshmipura on Tuesday.

Women buy bangles at Gandhi Bazaar. DH PHOTOS/RANJU P

BTP issues traffic advisory for idol immersion

BENGALURU, DHNS

The East Division of the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have issued a traffic advisory in view of the immersion of Ganesha idols from Wednesday to Sunday.

The police are expecting about 30,000 idols to be immersed in Ulsoor Lake.

All vehicular movement has been stopped on Old Madras Road, Anjaneya Junction, Kensington Junction, Gurudwara Junction, Gangadhara Chetty Road, Nagamma Temple Junction to Tiruvallavar Statue Junction.

Those who wish to immerse idols in Ulsoor Lake may take the Halasuru Gate–Cubbon Road–Dickenson Road–Ulsoor Lake route. Vehicles, other than those in immersion processions, are restricted on this route.

Vehicular movement of two-wheelers travelling from Kensington-Murphy Road towards Ulsoor Lake through MG Road has been halted and only one-way traffic from MG Road towards Kensington-Murphy Road is operational.

Riders can take the alternate route from the Gurudwara Junction towards St John's Road-Promenade Road to reach Ulsoor Lake.

Vehicular movement from the Thiruvallur Statue Junction, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road towards Ulsoor Lake has been halted and only one-way traffic from Ulsoor Lake towards Annaswamy Mudaliar Road will be operational.

Riders can take the Gangadhar Chetty Road-RBNMS Road and reach Millers Road through Lavanya Theatre Road.

Alternative routes from Indiranagar-Old Madras Road: Vehicles coming from Indiranagar 80ft Road and 100ft Road via Old Madras Road will take a left turn near Anjaneya Junction and proceed via Swami Vivekananda Road via Kamadhenu Junction to reach Webs Junction.

Traffic from MG Road should take a right turn near Ramaiah Junction towards Old Madras Road via Kamadhenu Junction.

Commuters travelling from Cubbon Park Road will have to take right near Manipal Junction to reach Swami Vivekananda Road via Trinity Junction.

Those coming from Halasuru Road will proceed through Begum Mahal Junction from Bazar Street via Ramaiah Junction.

Traffic coming from Dickenson Road via St John's Road towards Gangadhara Chetty Road should pass through Nagamma Temple Junction of St John's Road and take a right turn near Sri Circle.

Adequate security in place: City police chief

BENGALURU, DHNS: Adequate security measures are in place for the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations in the city, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said on Tuesday.

Seemant Kumar Singh

"This time, we are deploying extra CCTVs, which will be linked with the command centre by aligning them with the procession routes. This will let us know exactly what is happening and where. A few officers will also be in the command centre to remotely monitor the activities," Singh said during his weekly press conference.

Two Rapid Action Force (RAF) companies arrived in the city on Tuesday to support city police personnel.

"Route marches will be held. All arrangements are in place. The BBMP has also been asked to take adequate safety measures at various immersion points," Singh added.

Two held for peddling ganja

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Jalahalli police have arrested two people for allegedly peddling ganja in the city.

The police recovered 41.3 kg of ganja, worth Rs 41 lakh, from the suspects.

The duo confessed that they sourced the narcotics from a contact in Odisha, brought them to the city via train and sold them. The police have registered a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

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Application Notification No. 565/STBA/08-02/2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for appointment of **Station Ticket Booking Agents (STBA)** at the following Railway Stations over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of Unreserved / General Tickets through Unreserved Ticket System (UTS) on commission basis for the period as mentioned against the station:

Sl. No.	Name of the Station	Station Code	Station Category	Period of Contract
1.	Heelalige	HLE	NSG-6	03 Years

Last Date and Time of submission of application: From 10:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs. on 12.09.2025
For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in
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Corrigendum to E-Tender Notice No: 15/2025/SBC Dated : 28-07-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the Supply of following items.
Description in brief : Supply of Class 4 Hand Gloves with 36kV working voltage as per IEC 60903:2014, manufactured and tested as per IEC 60903:2014 without joint for Electrical work usage, Proof test voltage: 40kV : withstand voltage: 50kV Manufacturing of gloves should be on or after may-2024 Note: the gloves should be stamped with the operating voltage, Proof test voltage, withstand test voltage, Brand name, Model No. with CE Logo, Tested and manufactured as per IEC 60903:2014. **(Tender No. L8256169) (Qty : 1665 Pairs)**
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CORRIGENDUM
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The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Design, Supply, Construction, Testing and Commissioning of **(i)** 1 No. of 66kV Terminal Bay at 220/66kV Chintamani Sub-Station **(ii)** 66kV 630 Sqmm Single Circuit UG Cable from 66kV/11kV Chintamani S/S to 220/66kV Chintamani Sub-station for a route length of 0.030 km **(iii)** 66kV line from 66kV Chintamani S/S to 220kV Chintamani Sub-station for a route length of 0.150 km.	Rs. 2,55,81,090.46

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Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Development of Infrastructure for Disaster Management Preparedness and Allied facilities with M&Ps including 140T Crane shed, Service Building and Road Mobile ART with HRD and other Equipment at Bengaluru Coaching Depot (Composite tender).	Rs. 2,44,78,757.38

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs on 11-09-2025
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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
E-TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No: PCMM/ CLW/ HWH/E-Procurement/46; Dated: 21/08/2025. PCMM/CLW/Howrah on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost** are as follows: **[277]; 14252563;** Buzzer Over Speed / Fire Alarm/Vigilance Warning To Spec./Drg. No. CLW/ES/3/0078/C [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category: Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/ Documents.;** 11/09/2025; **₹ 0.00. [278]; 14252510E;** Machine Room Blower Including Motor (Wound With Corona Resistance Wire) To Spec./Drg. No. (1) CLW/ ES/ 3/ 0020/H & (2) SPEC/ E-10/3/09 (Motor) With Amendment Nos. 01 TO 06; **As per Tender/Documents.;** 10/09/2025; **₹ 0.00. [279]; 14252508C;** Scavenge Blower To TM/Oil Cooling Unit Including Motor (Wound With Corona Resistance Wire) To Spec./Drg. No. (1) CLW/ES/ 3/0021/H & (2) SPEC/E-10/3/09 (Motor) With Amendment Nos. 01 TO 06; **As per Tender/Documents.;** 10/09/2025; **₹ 0.00. [280]; 14252700A;** Set Of Other Hoses For WAG-9HC Locomotive To CLW Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0099/G (Set details attached). [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category: Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/ Documents.;** 11/09/2025; **₹ 0.00. [281]; 14252585;** (1) Catenary Voltmeter To Spec./Drg. No. CLW/ES/3/0070, (2) Voltmeter Battery To Spec./Drg. No. CLW/ES/ 3/0073, [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/Documents.;** 11/09/2025; **₹ 0.00. [282]; 31252731A;** Contactor Power Supply to CAB with its accessories [Contactor Type-5] as per Drg./Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0064/C or latest. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category: Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/Documents.;** 12/09/2025; **₹ 0.00. [283]; 14252685A;** Set Of Rubber Items For WAG-9 / WAP-7 To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0151/G (Set Detail Attached) [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category: Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/Documents.;** 12/09/2025; **₹ 0.00. [284]; 14252584;** Push Button For Emergency Stop To Spec./Drg. No. CLW/ES/3/0077/B. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category: Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/Documents.;** 15/09/2025; **₹ 0.00.**
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Govt constitutes 75-member GBA

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka government on Tuesday constituted the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), setting in motion the process of operationalising the new body that will co-ordinate between the five newly carved corporations.

The committee, headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has 75 members, including elected representatives and senior officials.

The panel includes 10 ministers, including Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Shobha Karandlaje, MPs, MLAs from Bengaluru, and MLCs.

Mayors and commissioners of the five corporations will also be part of it, along with senior officials from departments such as the Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority and Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services.

The name of the Chikkaballapur MP is missing from the list although the Yelahanka assembly segment, which falls under the Parliament constituency, comes within the BBMP limits.

As per the GBA Act, the chairperson must convene at least one meeting every three months.

All matters before the authority will be decided by a majority vote.

The Act also permits formation of an executive committee to handle daily functions, headed by the minister in-charge of Bengaluru development.

This committee is understood to hold greater financial and administrative powers.

Second order

In a separate order, the government posted senior IAS officer M Maheshwar Rao as GBA commissioner and member secretary.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will cease to exist in a week.

In a first, STRR to get 18 overbidges for 2-wheelers, cycles

NHAI identifies 18 locations; project to complete in a year

MUTHI-UR-RAHMAN SIDDIQUI
BENGALURU, DHNS

In a first-of-a-kind project, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is constructing overbridges for two-wheelers, bicycles and pedestrians along the 80-km stretch of the Bengaluru Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR).

The project, covering 18 overbridges at a cost of over Rs 21 crore, will be completed within a year, a senior official said.

The 288-km STRR aims to eliminate the need for long-distance commercial vehicles to enter Bengaluru and boost the economies of over a dozen satellite towns. Currently, 80 km between Dobbspet and Hoskote is operational, with another 21 km from Hoskote to the Tamil Nadu border under construction.

The Dobbspet-Doddaballapur-Devanahalli-Hoskote section has spurred real estate development and attracted various public amenities like schools, colleges and hospitals.

"Many built-up areas have emerged around the STRR and a large number of residents rely on two-wheelers for daily travel. To address their needs, the NHAI has partnered with the traffic police to identify 18 locations for overbridges to ensure safer crossings and help reduce accidents," KB Jayakumar, Project Director, NHAI (Bengaluru), told *DH*.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

- **No of overbridges:** 18
- **Overbridge length:** 45-50 metres
- **Ramp length:** 80-100 metres
- **Ramp type:** Metallic, non-slippery for two-wheelers and bicycles
- **Completion time:** One year

Total project cost: Rs 21.18 cr

An artist's rendering of the overbridges being constructed along the Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR).

Each overbridge will have staircases for pedestrians and 80-100-metre ramps for two-wheelers and bicycles. "It's a new technology. These will be metallic, non-slippery ramps for two-wheelers and bicycles," he explained.

Road safety signage will be installed on both sides to raise public awareness and curb unauthorised posters, he added.

Construction has already begun at Vishwanathapura, Channahalli and three other places. "All 18 overbridges will be completed in a year," Jayakumar said.

Future stretches of the STRR may get these overbridges if required, he added.

The Yellow Line started operations on August 11. It connects RV Road to Bommasandra. DH FILE PHOTO

BMRCL pushes to increase non-fare revenue by up to 25%

Says it is exploring ways to use land in its possession to benefit the public

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is working to raise non-fare revenue by up to 25%, officials told *DH*.

The opening of new stations along the Yellow Line from RV Road to Bommasandra has created greater potential for higher non-fare revenue, a well-placed BMRCL source told *DH*.

Currently, non-fare revenue contributes 12–14% of BMRCL's annual revenue.

"We are exploring more avenues to increase non-fare revenue. At present, it comes through retail outlets, advertisements, and parking. We have also opened advertisements on station facades. The BMRCL has large parcels of land, and we are exploring how to put them to use in a way that benefits the public," an official said.

An increase in non-fare revenue will help cover staff salaries. "Fare box revenue goes to operational costs like electricity and maintenance. Non-fare revenue is used for salaries. If it rises to 25%, it can cover the salary roll-out," he added.

Advertising contract

In this direction, the BMRCL has signed a nine-year advertising contract with Signpost India, granting rights across 67 of 83 stations with potential revenue of Rs 700 crore. MG Road, Majestic, and Indiranagar are some of the stations covered in the contract.

"With this contract, we have secured rights for both indoor and outdoor advertising. No space will hamper the daily commute. With the BMRCL carrying 10 lakh daily commuters, mostly young and tech-savvy, brands are keen to engage," said Shripad Ashtekar, Managing Director, Signpost India.

Earlier this year, the BMRCL signed two seven-year contracts for advertisement-wrapped trains on the Green and Purple lines. Mudra Ventures and Lokesh Outdoor secured exclusive rights, expected to raise Rs 25 crore annually.

Officials clarified that higher non-fare revenue will not affect fares. "Currently, metro fares are on par with the national standard. While Namma Metro fares were hiked earlier, other metros will soon follow," a senior BMRCL official said.

HC enhances compensation for kin of guard attacked at metro work site

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka High Court has awarded enhanced compensation of Rs 5.88 lakh with interest to the family of a security guard attacked while on duty at the Majestic metro construction site in 2012.

Justice CM Poonacha directed three entities, including the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL), to pay the compensation. The BMRCL has the liberty to recover the compensation amount it has paid from the other two entities.

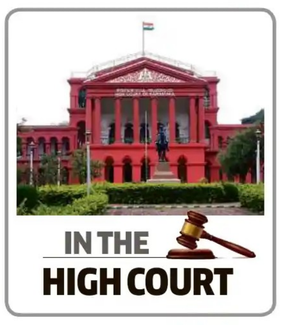
The appeal was moved by the wife and children of Chinnaswami, a security guard with Canon Detective and Security Services. The BMRCL had entrusted the Majestic metro station construction to GYT Coastal JV, which engaged Canon for security services.

The incident occurred on January 20, 2012, when Chinnaswami was guarding the metro compound at the KSRTC bus stand.

Around 7 pm, three men attacked him with deadly weapons, causing grievous injuries. He suffered quadriplegia and sensory loss of limbs and succumbed on October 31, 2016.

The tribunal under the Employees Compensation Act had awarded Rs 11,576 with 12% interest. Challenging this, the family contended that all three entities were jointly and severally liable to pay compensation.

The BMRCL argued that the victim was not employed by it or by GYT Coastal JV, and that GYT Coastal JV and Canon were liable to pay compensation.



The court noted that before his death, Chinnaswami deposed before the tribunal, stating he sustained spinal cord injuries, was shifted to Nimhans for treatment, and would remain in a vegetative state, unable to attend to basic needs.

Court's observations

Justice Poonacha observed that the BMRCL entrusted construction work to Coastal, which contracted Canon for security services.

"The respondents have not placed on record any of the agreements entered into amongst them, inter se, vis-à-vis the nature of entrustment of work.

"In any event, having regard to plain reading of the provisions of the Act, it is required to be held that the respondents are jointly and severally liable to pay the claim of the claimants.

"In the event the compensation so paid by respondent No 1-BMRCL, it is at liberty to recover the amount paid by it from respondent No 3-Coastal, as also respondent No 3-Coastal is entitled to recover any amount paid by it from respondent No 2-Canon," the court said.

BWSSB told to restore roads

BENGALURU, DHNS: Tushar Giri Nath, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, on Tuesday directed the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to restore dug up roads at the earliest and share a schedule for the work.

At a review meeting on fixing the city's broken roads, it was noted that the BWSSB had not completed repair work after cutting roads for laying water and sanitary lines in several areas.

Traffic police personnel present also flagged potholes yet to be filled by BBMP.

Bescom was asked to shift transformers from roadsides and footpaths that obstruct commuters and pedestrians. The meeting also reviewed progress on developing 75 junctions.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Happy Gowri Ganesha festival to all
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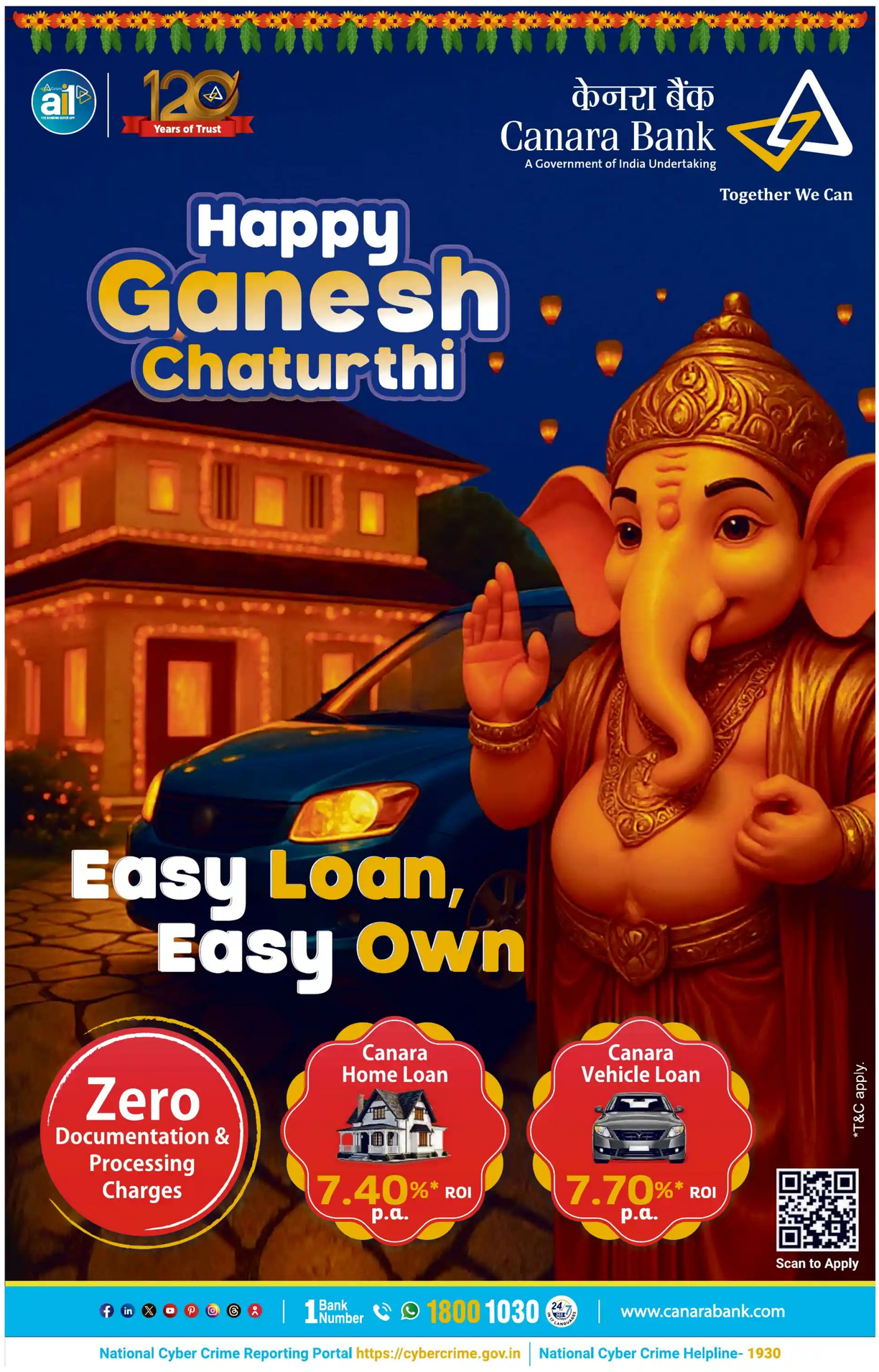

BBMP starts identifying dog feeding spots

An August 22 Supreme Court order has mandated feeding of strays only at designated spots

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has begun the process of identifying designated spots for feeding stray dogs, which will fall in line with a recent Supreme Court order (see box).

A senior BBMP official says the BBMP has set a deadline of 15-20 days to complete the identification process, "keeping staff availability in mind".

"We have instructed our staff to begin identifying feeding spots in consultation with feeders and local community representatives," Vikas Suralkar Kishor, special commissioner (animal husbandry), BBMP, tells *Metrolife*.

Where the spots will come up

Spaces with minimal footfall, where community dogs can be fed without inconveniencing the public, are being considered. "Vacant lands, areas with drains (of width 2-2.5 ft width) that are covered with slabs and are not part of main footpaths, and areas where dogs are already seen will be looked at," Kishor explains.

The BBMP has set a deadline of 3 weeks to complete the identification process. DH PHOTO/ B K JANARDHAN

Parks, playgrounds, apartment premises, or even school and college compounds "might also be considered but only when there is no footfall", he notes. Feedback from the local community, feeders and residential area representatives will be factored in, Kishor adds.

Kishor says: "A feeding spot should be able to accommodate three to five dogs — a space of not more than 3x3 sq ft is needed for this." He adds that dogs' territorial behaviour will also be factored in when choosing the locations. "The spots will be chosen based on the areas where the dogs already gather and feed around," he adds.

Interim guidelines for feeders

In the meantime, the BBMP advises feeders and dog lovers to continue feeding at their current spots, provided the local community agrees to the same. "If a conflict arises, feeders must immediately approach the zonal assistant director. Such areas will be prioritised for identifying feeding spots," he adds.

Focus on conflict-prone zones

BBMP will prioritise neighbourhoods that have reported disputes over stray feeding. "Though an area of around 800 sq km comes under the BBMP limits, complaints come from only a few neighbourhoods. We get regular complaints from the Bommanahalli zone, while there are barely any complaints from the east and west zones," Kishor notes.

The order says...

After the August 11 order in which the Supreme Court sought to relocate stray dogs to shelters in the Delhi-NCR region, the Court came out with a new order on August 22. It stated that stray dogs must be sterilised, dewormed, vaccinated, and returned to their original localities. Only dogs with rabies and aggressive dogs should be kept in shelters. It also banned feeding dogs in public spaces, and gave a clear directive on creating designated feeding zones in each municipal ward.

Soon, animal care lessons in schools

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TEAM METROLIFE

A new animal education programme with a focus on dogs will be rolled out in over 800 schools in the greater Bengaluru area in the coming weeks.

Vikas Suralkar Kishor, BBMP special commissioner for animal husbandry and education, says that the project is much needed, especially in light of the Supreme Court's recent reversal of its August 11 order, which had stipulated that dogs must be removed from the streets and housed in shelters.

According to the State Health Department's Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), there was a 36.2% increase in dog bites in Karnataka till July 2025 compared to 2024. In an effort to reverse this trend, students will be taught about staying safe around community dogs and reading their behaviour.

They will also be taught about how to be compassionate and coexist with stray dogs and other animals, such as cats and cows. Kishor says it is important for students to learn such skills for them to grow into compassionate adults.

The programme, which is part of BBMP's ongoing Information, Education and Communication (IEC) programme for animal welfare, will commence by mid September, says Suralkar.

The 30-40 day long programme, targeting grade 5 to 10 students, will cost the BBMP between Rs 500-1,000 per school.

In the following years, the programme will expand to schools that haven't participated till then, he adds.

'Important to nurture such skills'

Dr Lokesh S, vice president of the Karnataka Veterinary Association, says it is important that dog-related skills be taught at school. Greater knowledge and compassion towards dogs will help children become more comfortable around them, which will in turn reduce fear and ensure safety, he adds. "It is often very difficult for children to stay still and calm around dogs — they panic easily," he adds.

Dog behaviouralist Namratha Nao cites the programme as a "great initiative" and says schools are the right place to "teach about common sense and empathy".

Pamila Vincent, 61, a longtime dog feeder and former nursery school teacher, has been caring for stray dogs for over 20 years. She taught the principles of coexistence in her classrooms, which she found helped children develop a deeper connection with animals and nature.

Bengaluru resident Ketaki Kunte, 26, says she has had numerous "close calls" with stray dogs, while walking or riding past them. "I missed out by not having this in my own school syllabus," she says.

Will discounts on traffic fines impact compliance?

The government announced a 50% discount on traffic fines on August 23

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TEAM METROLIFE

The recently announced 50% discount on long-pending traffic fines has incentivised droves of defaulters to pay up. Since the announcement, made on August 23, over Rs 11 crore has been collected, reports say. The scheme is effective until September 12.

However, some experts believe it could be sending the wrong message. The long-term effects of such schemes could further contribute to poor road discipline, they say. This is the second time such a discount has been introduced. In 2023, over Rs 5 crore was collected through a similar scheme.

A civic activist points out that Bengaluru is one of the worst cities for road safety. According to data, at least two people die on the city's roads daily. "In such a city, traffic violations should be dealt with strictly to ensure the roads are safe for pedestrians and motorists. Additionally, violations should be connected to vehicle insurance. The number of traffic violations indicate unsafe driving and should lead to insurance costs escalating drastically," he shares.

Since the discount was announced, over Rs 11 crore has been collected, reports say. DH FILE PHOTO

He cites the example of global cities, where motorists automatically slow down or come to a stop if they see a pedestrian on the road even if they are at a distance. "This is because the violations are dealt with swiftly and stringently and even taken to court for trauma," he explains.

He recalls that a few years ago, the government hiked up the fines for traffic violations to Rs 2,000 and above. "When it was announced, there was a huge outcry on X and the plan was dropped," he notes.

However, Alok Prasanna Kumar, an advocate and co-founder of the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, believes it is a sensible move. Enforcement comes with its own costs. The fines levied cancel out enforcement costs. "It is better to have the fines paid than to have them pending for years. I do not think offering discounts will increase violations. I doubt people think about fines while breaking the rules. It is often not done on purpose," Kumar says. The problem of traffic violations, he elaborates, should be addressed by the RTOs and Karnataka transport department. "Why are drivers' licences issued so easily? They should make the process of getting a licence more challenging," he states.

According to Srinivas Shenoy, deputy chief traffic warden, education on following traffic rules is the need of the hour. "We have been conducting talks and presentations regularly in schools, colleges and offices for a long time," he shares, adding that the discount will not have a negative effect on compliance. "It is not a regular feature. It is done once in a while to encourage the public to pay fines. So I do not think it will make a difference," he explains.

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Cruise control

Looks like the finance minister is thinking of increasing the GST on luxury bikes (engine capacity above 350 cc) from 28% to 40%. Rest assured admirers of the dispensation will hail it as a masterstroke. Why shouldn't madam act tough on owners of fancy bikes? Yeah. And dudes out there talking endlessly about two-stroke and four-stroke engines... start talking about masterstrokes as well.

EVENTS

Art exhibition

Rangoli Metro Art Centre, M G Road Boulevard, will host 'In the Light of Opulence', a painting exhibition, from August 29 to 31, 11 am to 7 pm. The show has been curated by Shole Madhusudhanan, founder of Reignite Edtech.

Musical eve

Jam-e-Mehram, a musical evening which blends melodies and stories, will feature Abhijeet Bose and Asir Praveen, at Bloom Creative Zone, Haralur, on August 30, 6.30 pm. Tickets online.

Comic act

'Master Peace', a standup comedy show by Madhur Virli, will be held at The Comedy Theatre, Indiranagar, on August 29, 5 pm. Tickets online.

Cuisines of Karnataka Season 4 on Aug 31

Freedom Healthy Cooking Oil will present Season 4 of the cooking challenge 'Cuisines of Karnataka', on August 31 at Lulu Mall, Rajajinagar, 9.30 am onwards. It is an initiative by *Deccan Herald* and *Prajavani*.

Participants must bring one home-cooked dish from the cuisines of Karnataka, plated and garnished by themselves, to the venue by 9.30 am. Dishes will be judged on taste, innovation, and presentation.

Celebrity chef and TV host Oggarane Dabbi Murali, along with his wife Suchithra, will judge the contest. They will also hold a masterclass on cooking.

Winners will receive cash prizes (Rs 10,000 for first, Rs 5,000 for second, and Rs 3,000 for third), along with gift hampers.

They will also be featured in *Deccan Herald*, *Prajavani*, and *Sudha* magazine.

The event can be attended by the general public.

The contest is supported by Indane, TTK Prestige, Bhima Jewellers, Lays, and will be held in association with SBI Card, Vencobb Chicken, and Eco Crystal Water Treatment.

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ADVENTURE

K'taka top cop completes Ironman in first attempt

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

Sandeep Patil, Inspector General of Police for the Karnataka State Reserve Police, completed the Ironman Triathlon in Copenhagen, Denmark, on August 17. Among the world's toughest one-day endurance events, it includes a 3.8 km swim, 180 km cycle ride, and a 42.2 km run. It was Patil's first attempt, and he finished it in 14 hours and 45 minutes. "My wife was there at the finish line, but since it was late at night in India, I couldn't call my kids to tell them I had completed it," he recalls.

Sandeep Patil during the cycling leg of the Ironman Copenhagen 2025.

He began training in January this year and recalls swimming as the most challenging part. "Recreational swimming and endurance swimming in open water are two very different things," he says. In addition to training in the pool, he also had monthly sessions in Gunjur lake. For cycling, he set out on the airport road past the toll booth — his training was disrupted twice after he was hit by two-wheelers. For running, he headed to Cubbon Park and Kanteerava Stadium. Getting used to energy bars and gels to sustain stamina for 13-14 hours on the race day was another challenge, he shares.

In Bengaluru, curd rice was his go-to recovery meal after training. But in Copenhagen, he turned to pasta.

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2024-25 Mercy Mission Fellows graduate

The Mercy Mission Fellowship Program Graduation Ceremony was held in Bengaluru on August 23. The ceremony for the batch of 2024-25 was attended by fellows, mentors, partner organisations, and well-wishers. It is a nine-month, full-time experiential learning and exposure program designed for youth from smaller towns. It prepares them to be future leaders. Through the program, the Fellows undertook government immersions with departments such as the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, the Directorate of Minorities, and Kudumbashree, and engaged in field immersions with 10 NGOs, working on 12 projects.

How to write a living will

Experts share tips for drafting a record of your future medical wishes

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

A workshop on drafting a living will drew around 100 participants in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Also called an Advance Medical Directive (AMD), a living will records a person's medical treatment preferences when they become unable to communicate their wishes in the future. Unlike a property will, which comes into effect after death, a living will is activated while the person is alive. "Under current law, it's valid only in cases of terminal illness where further treatment is unlikely to help or may lead to a vegetative state," explained Dr Smriti Khanna, a palliative care consultant.

AMD has two core components: a list of treatments the person wishes to accept or refuse in the event of a terminal illness, and the names of up to three healthcare representatives (family or others) who can make decisions on their behalf.

A majority of the participants at the living will workshop on Sunday were middle-aged. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Free template

'Advance Medical Directive (Living Will) editable document format' is available for free download at palliumindia.org.

Optionally, people can specify whether they would like to receive palliative care at hospital or at home or in their hometown. They can outline funeral rites they would like, as also preferred gender pronouns.

According to consultant neurologist Dr Roop Gursahani, anyone aged 18 or older and of sound mind can draft an AMD at home on plain paper, in simple English or any other language. While it doesn't require a lawyer or stamp paper, some prefer these for a sense of authenticity. The AMD must be attested before a notary, along with signatures of two witnesses. He recommends making multiple copies — one for personal record, one for each healthcare representative, one for the family or treating doctor, and one for the government.

AMDs can be updated. Dr Gursahani advises revising them every five years, in case of a major medical diagnosis or when one enters their 60s, and annually for those in their 80s or with declining health.

Dr Khanna runs a weekly Living Will Clinic at Mumbai's P D Hinduja Hospital where she works. Her visitors range from healthy 18-year-olds to people with early-stage cancer, organ failure, or age-related frailty. Many choose to refuse ventilator support, tube feeding, and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) in their AMDs. A less common request has been to not renew one's pacemaker. To her "surprise", many people specify in their AMD that they would like their organs donated.

B'lureans cycle 660 km to world's highest motorable pass in Ladakh

A 10-member team, including eight Bengalureans, recently completed a 660-km cycling expedition from Manali in Himachal Pradesh to Umling La in Ladakh. Umling La is the world's highest motorable pass at 19,024 feet. The team members, comprising six men and four women, were in the 56 to 76 age group. The expedition ended on August 15 after 11 days of cycling, though some members returned to Bengaluru the past Saturday. Each day, the group set off around 6.30 am, covering 40-50 km from one camp to the next.

"We were lucky it rained only after we got back to camp, but the wind was relentless," said 72-year-old Vasumathi Srinivasan, who led the expedition organised by the Karnataka Mountaineering Association. "Cyclists usually ride up to Khardung La, about 40 km from Leh. But we took it as a challenge to reach Umling La, which is 300 km from Leh in a different direction," she added.

The expedition also included Vasanth Prabhu, Dr R Chandrashekar, Chetan Sahoo, Chaula Jagirdir, Shilpa Shivkumar, Sumanth Arya, Mauro D'Souza, Jayram Srinivasan and Govind Srinivasan.

Participants and support staff of the cycling expedition at Umling La, Ladakh.

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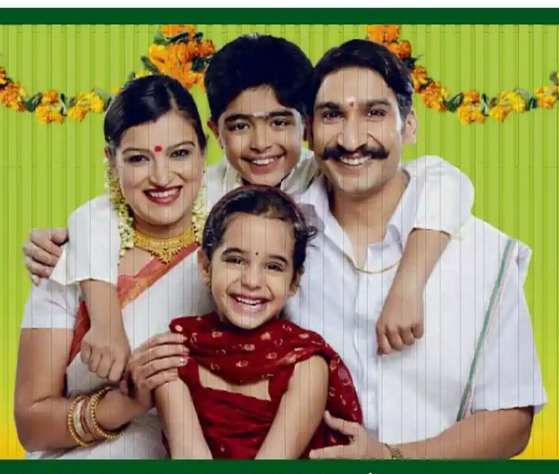

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Instead of apologising, DKS should have resigned: BJP

Rajanna didn't get chance to say sorry: JD(S)

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Opposition BJP and JD(S) on Tuesday attacked Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar after apologising for reciting the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) prayer in the Assembly, dubbing him a "coward".

BJP general secretary V Sunil Kumar said Shivakumar's apology was "unfortunate" and that he was under pressure.

"He should have actually apologised when pro-Pakistan slogans were raised in the Vidhana Soudha, or when (Public Works Minister) Satish Jarkiholi said the word 'Hindu' is vulgar," Kumar, a former minister, said.

"There was no need to apologise. But he has done that to save his chair," Kumar said.

"Shivakumar recited only two lines of the prayer and there was panic in Congress. Imagine what would have happened if he had said the entire prayer".

The RSS' prayer *Namaste Sada Vatsale Matrubhoome...* preaches patriotism, Kumar said.

"Shivakumar must first be a patriot before showing loyalty to the Gandhi family," he said.

R ASHOKA
Leader of Opposition

"If Namaste Sada Vatsale Matrubhoome... - a humble salutation to Mother India - requires an apology, then who exactly does the Congress expect Indians to hail? Mother Italy? Or the Madam who came from Italy?

"He has set aside patriotism just to earn the love of the Gandhi family."

Kumar recalled Shivakumar saying once in the Assembly that he attended *Vittal* Shakha (daily gathering) of the RSS in Rajajinagar. "Will Congress have a problem with that also?," he said.

Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka said Shivakumar should have resigned instead of apologising.

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The H D Deve Gowda-led JD(S), BJP's alliance partner, described Shivakumar as "a tiger in the Assembly and a mouse before the (Congress) high command".

The JD(S) claimed that Shivakumar was a "coward" who apologised to save his chair and avoid expulsion.

"A minister from the Nayaka (ST) community (K N Rajanna) was sacked without being given an opportunity to apologise," the JD(S) said in a tweet.

"The Congress high command has one justice for Dalits and another for those who're powerful," it said.

Dharmasthala: SIT conducts mahazar in Thimmarody's house

MANGALURU, DHNS

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged Dharmasthala mass burial carried out searches and mahazar at the residence of activist Mahesh Shetty Thimmarody on Tuesday.

A team comprising SIT personnel, forensic experts, and the complainant-witness arrived at the house around 9 am. The inquiry and inspection continued through the day, and the team had not returned even by 8 pm.

Mahesh Shetty Thimmarody

SIT officials conducted a mahazar at Thimmarody's residence based on details provided during the interrogation of the complainant-witness in the case.

According to sources, the complainant-witness had stayed at Thimmarody's house for a period in the past.

Senior team officer travels to US

Even as the probe in the alleged Dharmasthala mass burials case is in progress, a senior police officer with the Special Investigation Team (SIT) has travelled to the US to participate in the Intelligent Transportation Society of America World Congress - 2025, reports DHNS from Bengaluru.

M N Anucheth, who is currently Deputy Inspector General of Police (Recruitment), was appointed to oversee the SIT probe headed by Director General of Police (DGP) Pronab Mohanty.

According to the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) letter dated August 1, seen by DH, Anucheth was granted leave to attend the event from August 19 to August 31. It was in response to his seeking permission through a letter dated July 16.

Sources in the Home Department have claimed that Anucheth had sought permission before the SIT was formed on July 19 to probe the allegations of mass burials.

On Tuesday, officials recorded his statement regarding certain incidents that allegedly took place during that time. When the SIT team arrived, Thimmarody was not at home. The statements of his family members were recorded.

Sujatha appears before SIT

In a related development, Sujatha Bhat, who had filed a complaint seeking investigation into the alleged disappearance of her daughter Ananya Bhat from Dharmasthala in 2003, appeared at the SIT office in Belthangady on Tuesday. Her statement regarding her missing daughter has been recorded, sources said.

Case transferred

Meanwhile, a case against activist Girish Mattennavar has been transferred to Belthangady police station. According to the police, Mattennavar, in an interview to the YouTube channel Kudla Rampage, allegedly made derogatory remarks against Jainism, hurting the sentiments of the community.

The complaint was initially filed by Ajith Nagappa Basapur of Hubballi at the Hubballi Rural Police Station and later transferred to Belthangady Police Station on jurisdictional grounds.

Another complaint regarding the same incident was lodged by Manjunath Jakkanavar at Dharwad Rural Police Station.

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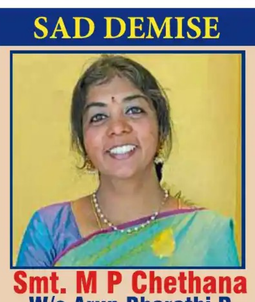

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Dasara is state's cultural festival, not just religious, asserts DKS

Defends decision to invite Banu Mushtaq to open festivities

BENGALURU, DHNS

Defending the government's decision to invite writer Banu Mushtaq to inaugurate Dasara, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Tuesday clarified that the 10-day festival was not merely a religious event, but a grand celebration of culture and heritage too.

DCM D K Shivakumar

"Dasara is not just a Hindu festival. It is the state's cultural pride, a celebration that brings together people from all communities. There is nothing wrong in inviting a Booker Prize awardee like Banu Mushtaq to inaugurate it," Shivakumar told reporters here.

Responding to the BJP's opposition to inviting Mushtaq, he said Chamundi Hill welcomed people from all religions and communities.

"Chamundi Hill is open to everyone, irrespective of religion. People from all sections of society visit Chamundi Hill to offer prayers to the deity. It is not the exclusive property of Hindus," the DCM maintained.

Underlining the inclusive nature of worship practices, Shivakumar said, "We visit mosques, dargahs, Jain basadis, churches and gurdwaras. Has anyone ever prevented us from going to a gurdwara? Have we ever opposed others visiting Hindu temples? Anyone can visit any place of worship."

"Haven't people from other religions converted to Hinduism? Many Hindus have converted to Islam and Christianity, and likewise, people of other faiths have converted to Hinduism. Don't Muslims observe Hindu customs? Could a signboard be considered in Ayodhya to indicate that visits to Lord Rama are reserved for Hindus?

"When the BJP government is in power in the country, why have the Haj committee and the minority affairs department not been abolished? All of this is politics," he said.

The deputy chief minister said, "We are a secular country. Our Constitution grants everyone equal opportunities and freedoms".

Appeal to Heggade

Meanwhile, he appealed to Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Veerendra Heggade to insulate the shrine and the temple town from the political drama likely to unfold in the state over the next week.

Urging Heggade to prevent the BJP from ending its rally in Dharmasthala, Shivakumar said, "Dharmasthala must not become a centre for politics. You (Heggade) should not allow it to be used for politics."

Pointing out that those arrested in connection with the controversy surrounding Dharmasthala had affiliations to the Sangh Parivar and the BJP, the deputy chief minister accused the saffron party of trying to divert public attention from pressing issues by orchestrating dramatic episodes.

Writers: Deepa should have been invited alongside Banu Mushtaq

PAVAN KUMAR H
HUBBALLI DHNS

Kannada literary world is divided over the state government's decision to invite Banu Mushtaq, the International Booker Prize winner, to inaugurate the Mysuru Dasara.

Some writers feel that the government's decision honours the contribution of Banu to Kannada literature over the decades.

However, others argue that the government would have avoided the controversy by extending the invitation to Deepa Bhasthi, whose translation of Banu's short stories, Heart Lamp, brought the work international recognition.

They feel it would have also acknowledged the often-overlooked art of translation.

Kannada poet B R Lakshmana Rao says ideological issues aside, Banu should be welcomed to inaugurate the "Naada Habba" for ensuring that Kannada got international recognition through her work.

"By inviting her to inaugurate Dasara, Karnataka is honouring her for putting Kannada on the international map. However, it would have been better if the state government had invited Deepa too, whose translation won the recognition," he said.

Among the women writers too there is a strong argument that Deepa too should have been invited to inaugurate the Dasara as they won the award together. Author and academician Veena Shanteshwar says Banu is surely a great writer. "But Deepa's translation was equally important. So it is proper to invite both for the Dasara event," she said.

"Banu gained recognition after the Booker prize. Banu could have asked Deepa to join her in inaugurating the event," says another female author.

Author Vivek Shanbhag says Banu has been chosen to inaugurate the Dasara celebrations in recognition of her decades of contribution to Kannada literature, and not merely because of the Booker award.

"The Booker is one among her many achievements. Banu is a writer in her own right," he says.

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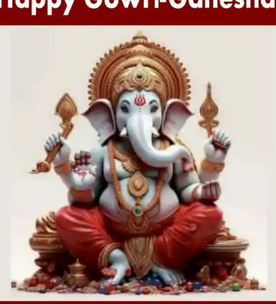

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PLASTIC PAUSE

The Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation has created a gigantic mouse with over 10,000 used plastic bottles that were collected from all 12 zones in Hubballi-Dharwad. The 20-foot mouse will be exhibited in busy places to create awareness on plastic use. DH PHOTO

Caste list: More time sought to file objections

BENGALURU, DHNS: BJP's Karkala MLA V Sunil Kumar on Tuesday urged the state Backward Classes Commission to provide an extension of 10 days to file objections to the list of castes and subcastes.

Speaking to reporters, Kumar said: "They have provided seven days to file objections. However, there are many holidays due to festivals. Therefore, we have written to the Commission chairperson to provide an extra 10 days." The Commission headed by Madhusudan R Naik will conduct a social and educational survey (caste census) during the upcoming Dasara holidays.

Probe launched after sex determination scan at Ramanagar govt hospital

BENGALURU, DHNS

In a startling revelation, the government district hospital in Ramanagar was found to be revealing the sex of the foetus to a woman in violation of the Pre Conception and Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act.

After the incident came to light, officials from the health department visited the hospital and seized the machine which was used to perform the scan on the said woman.

The officials have instructed the hospital staff not to use the machines till the investigation is completed.

According to sources, a woman from Tataguni approached the hospital with her husband and underwent scanning.

"The woman is said to have two kids, both daughters. Preliminary investigations reveal that an Asha worker is supposed to have helped her to get the gender revealed," a source from the health department said.

Sources said the officials are analysing statements from the said woman, that from the hospital's radiology department and others who are said to have helped the woman.

"Based on the investigations, a case will be registered in a couple of days," one of the officials said.

How incident came to light?

After the scanning at the Ramanagar hospital revealed that the woman was pregnant with a girl child, the woman gets an abortion done at an unknown place near Bengaluru.

However, owing to the abortion, the woman starts bleeding and is shifted to Vani Vilas Hospital. Doctors at Vani Vilas Hospital, who realised that the woman was bleeding owing to an abortion, informed Dr Vivek Dorai, deputy director (PCPNDT).

The woman is said to have confessed that she was informed about the sex of the foetus at the Ramanagar district hospital.

SWR rolls out anti-collision system, to cover entire 3,692-km network

Kavach will be implemented in two phases, says GM

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Kavach, the indigenous automatic train protection system, has been approved for implementation across the South Western Railway (SWR) network, covering 3,692 route kilometres (RKM), according to the zone's top official.

The system will be rolled out in two phases. Phase I will cover 1,568 RKM at a cost of Rs 628.63 crore, while Phase 2 will cover the remaining 2,124 RKM, SWR General Manager Mukul Saran Mathur said at a media briefing here on Tuesday.

Hindi for shield, Kavach is a collision-avoidance system that can help prevent both head-on and rear-end train collisions. It automatically applies brakes if the locopilot violates speed restrictions or fails to act in time to prevent signal passing at danger.

The detailed estimate for the first phase was sanctioned in November 2024. The work for the survey, design, supply and installation of towers was awarded in February 2025 to IRP Infra Tech Private Limited, Guntur, for Rs 63.27 crore. It will be completed in August 2026, he added.

Under Phase I, 790 RKM in the Hubballi and Mysuru divisions will be covered. The contract, awarded in June 2025 to the RVNL-GEW joint venture for Rs 261.88 crore, includes the Hubballi-Ballari, Haveri-Hubballi-Londa, Londa-Miraj and Haveri-Arsikere sections.

In addition, the contract for Kavach installation on 778 RKM in the Bengaluru and Mysuru divisions was awarded in May 2025 to IRCON International Ltd for Rs 253.56 crore. This will cover Arsikere-Yeshwantpur, Baiyappanahalli-Dharmavaram, Bengaluru-Jolarpettai, Bengaluru-Mysuru and Bengaluru-Yeshwantpur-Dharmapuri sections, Mathur explained.

Under Phase 2, three itemised works were approved in January 2025. Detailed estimates for installing Kavach for 456 RKM in the Bengaluru division for Rs 270.70 crore have been sanctioned. This will cover Penukonda-Dharmavaram, Omlur-Dharmapuri, Yelahanka-Bangarapet and other sections, he added.

For the remaining portions — 862 RKM in Hubballi division (Rs 459.41 crore) and 806 RKM in Mysuru division (Rs 436.39 crore) — detailed estimates are under accounts vetting, Mathur said.

This apart, work to equip 299 locomotives with Loco Kavach has also been sanctioned, and the detailed estimate is under accounts vetting, he said.

Bengaluru-Mangaluru Vande Bharat

The SWR general manager said except for 32 RKM, the 309-km Hassan-Mangaluru railway line is fully electrified. There are plans to introduce a Vande Bharat Express train on the route once the remaining work is completed, he added.

Out of the SWR network of 3,692 route kilometers (RKM), 3,303.415 RKM has been electrified. DH FILE PHOTO

Shakti scheme impact

The SWR's passenger revenue for the first four months of 2025-26 declined by 1.32% to Rs 1,063.39 crore, compared to Rs 1,077.66 crore in the corresponding period in 2024-25.

The reasons include: reduction of the Advanced Reservation Period (ARP) from 120 to 60 days, free bus travel for women in Karnataka (Shakti scheme) and conversion of some express trains into passenger services.

However, measures taken by the SWR have increased the earnings to Rs 286.34 crore, the highest-ever, it said.

Electrification

Mathur stated that nearly 90% of the SWR network is now fully electrified. Out of the SWR network of 3,692 RKM, 3,303.415 RKM (6,179.4918 TKM) has been electrified. The railway zone saved Rs 887.41 crore by switching from diesel to electric engines in the last three years. In all, 147 trains now run on electric traction, he added.

He also spoke about constraints in utilising the full benefits of railway electrification, pointing to issues with transmission lines from substations.

ED questions Mangaluru cooker blast case accused in B'luru prison

BENGALURU, DHNS: Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials on Tuesday questioned a key accused in the Mangaluru cooker blast case, who is lodged at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison here.

Top sources told *DH* that ED investigators were at the prison to question Mohammad Shariq during the day.

On August 5, ED's Bengaluru zonal office had provisionally attached one movable property in the form of a bank balance of Rs 29,176, which was available in the account of Syed Yasin, one of the main accused, under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

"The charge sheet revealed that the auto rickshaw blast case was part of the plan of ISIS, a terrorist organisation, to spread terror and wage war against India and to threaten the country's integrity and sovereignty".

"Investigations revealed that ISIS online handler named 'Colonel' had given training over Wicker app/Telegram etc. to main accused Mohammad Shariq alias Premraj and other accused, to make improvised explosive device (IED)/bomb and arranged funds through certain mule accounts and crypto currencies which were at times encashed by Syed Yasin and Mohammed Shariq, through PoS agents, for a commission and in some instances, encashed cryptocurrencies were routed through fraudulently opened mule accounts in FINO Payments Bank," the ED had said.

Sources said ED was trying to establish source of funds encashed by Yasin and Shariq, by questioning the latter on Tuesday.

"Amounts totalling Rs 2,86,008 were deposited by different cryptocurrency dealers in mule accounts and Rs 41,680 was collected in cash from PoS agents. The said amounts were utilised for purchase of items online to assemble IED and for hiring hideouts in Mysuru and other places, and also for conducting recce at various places in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. Specifically, the said bomb was supposed to be planted at Dharmasthala Manjunatha temple. It had exploded in the autorickshaw as the bomb timer was set for 9 seconds, instead of 90 minutes," ED had said.

Action on fake doctors: Health dept issues circular

BENGALURU, DHNS: The government has issued a circular directing strict action against fake doctors and unauthorised medical practitioners in state.

The health and family welfare department, along with the department of Ayush, has listed multiple provisions of law to regulate and monitor medical practices.

The circular says only practitioners registered under recognised medical councils including allopathic, ayurvedic and homeopathic, are permitted to practice. Any person impersonating as a doctor without valid registration will face up to Rs 5 lakh in fine and imprisonment up to three years for repeated offences.

District-level special forces have been set up, consisting of the deputy commissioner, senior police officials, district health officers, Ayush officials, social workers and advocates to send a report every month to the government. Running a medical establishment without registration under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act will attract a penalty of up to Rs 50,000, in addition to immediate closure.

The circular says under the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, clinics and health facilities operated by fake doctors without required registration will face action from district-level monitoring committees that include officials from the health department, State Pollution Control Board, local bodies and the Indian Medical Association.

District family welfare officers and hospital quality managers have been designated as nodal officers to ensure enforcement of bio-medical waste rules at the district level.

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Colon cancer on an alarming uptrend among youth in India

The key to prevention and survival is in healthy lifestyle and proactive screening, says **Dr Rajshekhar C Jaka**

Dr Rajshekhar C Jaka, Surgical Oncologist

Colorectal cancer (CRC) in India is the fourth most common cancer in both men and women. India faces high mortality rates due to late-stage diagnosis. Though the disease is on a decreasing trend globally, it is increasing in India and expected to double by 2050.

CRC rates have doubled in younger adults and may be attributed to diet, environmental and lifestyle factors. Stage I to Stage II have 90 per cent five-year survival, Stage III has 70 per cent and Stage IV has 15 per cent survival. Therefore, early detection is the key for longer survival.

Four symptoms you should never ignore
Abdominal pain, rectal bleeding, diarrhea and iron deficiency anemia. Any individual above 45 years of age with iron deficiency anemia (low hemoglobin) should be evaluated with colonoscopy and upper GI endoscopy.

No compromise on screening
Screening should start for people carrying an average risk at 45 years of age with fecal occult blood test or colonoscopy. They reduce colorectal cancer incidence and death by detecting and removing pre-cancerous polyps at an early, curable stage. Fecal guaiac based or FIT test once a year, DNA/RNA based test once in three years or colonoscopy once in 10 years help in screening and early detection.

All those diagnosed with colorectal cancer should get a tumour marker blood test CEA (Carcino Embryonic Antigen) done before starting on treatment and during follow up.

If more than nine polyps are detected during the colonoscopy, genetic test is recommended. All those with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis should undergo colonoscopy after eight years of symptoms, when the disease is quiescent. The family of the patient (first degree relatives - parents, siblings, children), should undergo screening colonoscopy at the age of 40 years. Older patients with hemorrhoids (piles), should be properly evaluated with colonoscopy to rule out colon or rectal cancer.

How to reduce risk
- Regular physical activity (at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity daily)
- More fruits and vegetables (in a plate: 30 per cent vegetables, 20 per cent fruits, 30 per cent whole grains, 20 per cent proteins)
- Dietary supplements (in general, nutrients should be obtained from natural food sources rather than solely from dietary supplements)
- Limit consumption of processed food high in fat, starch or sugar
- Quit smoking
- Maintain body weight with BMI between 18.50 and 24.9 kg/m2

Factors that increase risk
- Long-term cigarette smoking
- Long-term consumption of red meat and processed meat
- Moderate (12-49 gm/day) to heavy (> 50gm/day) alcohol consumption
- Obesity
- Low level of Vitamin D

Aspirin associated with survival
Aspirin intake is associated with improved survival when employed for secondary prevention. In Stage II and Stage III of carcinoma of colon, after completing standard treatment, daily intake of aspirin for three years is advised with PIK3CA mutation.

It is used as chemoprevention in patients with Lynch Syndrome (a hereditary syndrome).

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KMF plans lactose-free variety & buffalo milk

Protein-rich milk, protein shakes, sugar-free sweets in pipeline

SNEHA RAMESH
BENGALURU, DHNS

The new products are in the trial stage and are likely to hit the market by the end of September.

Aiming to expand its market, the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) under the Nandini brand is planning to introduce lactose-free milk, which is in huge demand among those with lactose intolerance.

That apart, KMF is planning to explore the market for protein-rich milk and buffalo milk.

"There is a lot of competition in this sector and our competitors have been introducing such new varieties of milk. There is also demand for it. Hence, we are trying out such new products," said Shivaswamy B, KMF managing director.

Buffalo milk also has a huge market, especially in North Karnataka and hence, officials are planning to procure it in high quantities to meet the increasing demand.

"Protein-rich foods are now very popular among people, especially youngsters. Hence, protein-rich milk and protein shakes are being launched to cater to this category of consumers," Shivaswamy said.

To cater to those who prefer healthier options, the brand is also looking at introducing sugar-free sweets.

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At least 10 varieties of savouries are also being planned by the research wing of KMF.

To expand overseas markets

KMF is planning to expand the Nandini brand overseas with a plan to export milk-based sweets to at least 10 countries. At present, Nandini sweets are available only in Dubai, Qatar and USA. Going ahead, KMF plans to introduce them in Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Spain, Poland, Germany, France and a few other countries. That apart, if all goes well, Nandini milk and curd, which is available in most of the states in South India and Delhi, will also debut in West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. With this huge expansion, Nandini will make it to the market in at least 10 states in the country and Nandini sweets will be available at 25 states in the country and in 13 other countries.

Land compensation disputes big hurdle for UKP-3: Shivakumar

'It's on only if farmers give up land for amount fixed by govt'

BENGALURU, DHNS

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Tuesday said the implementation of the Upper Krishna Project (UKP) Phase-3 — which involves increasing the height of the Almatti dam — is impossible unless long-pending land compensation disputes are resolved.

He was addressing reporters after a high-level meeting with ministers from UKP region and senior officials at Vidhana Soudha.

To complete the project, the government needs to acquire 1.33 lakh acres of land. So far, compensation has been awarded to 29,566 people. However, nearly 44,947 people have taken legal recourse, seeking higher compensation.

"If the project has to be completed, the state will require a staggering Rs 2 lakh crore just to pay compensation," Shivakumar said, noting that this makes the project financially unviable under current circumstances.

"The project can be completed only if farmers agree to give up their land for the compensation already fixed by the government," he said.

To address the deadlock, the Deputy CM announced that a broader consultation will be held with stakeholders.

"I have convened a meeting of ministers, MLAs, MLCs, MPs, and farmer leaders from the UKP region on either September 3 or 5 to arrive at a consensus on the compensation to be awarded to farmers who stand to lose land," he said.

Upper Krishna Project-3 involves increasing the height of the Almatti dam in Bagalkot district. DH FILE PHOTO

"Only if a mutually agreeable compensation amount that does not harm the interests of farmers is reached can we move forward. If no one agrees to any terms, then there's nothing left in our hands," he said.

Shivakumar pointed out the stark disparity between government-assessed and court-mandated amounts.

"For canal lands, our officers had recommended Rs 8 lakh to 10 lakh per acre, but the courts awarded up to Rs 74 lakh. For submergence lands, while the state fixed Rs 16.5 lakh per acre, courts ordered Rs 1.2 crore. In rehabilitation areas, the recommended amount was Rs 15.5 lakh, but courts ordered up to Rs 5 crore".

He alleged that lawyers and landowners have collaborated to demand double or more than the government's proposed compensation.

"There are 19,957 cases pending in district courts and 9,015 more in other courts. About 20 villages are likely to be submerged due to this project," he said. Shivakumar said, "A total of 1,33,867 acres is needed for RC (rehabilitation and compensation) villages. Notifications have been issued for 29,568 acres. We have acquired 44,947 acres at various stages, but the acquisition process still needs to begin for 59,354 acres".

Some instances

In Bagalkot, court ordered Rs 23 cr compensation for an acre of land (including interest).

In Kasaba Bijapur, compensation of Rs 11.92 cr ordered for land acquired for canal works Rs 10.22 cr ordered at Junjarakupp RC, while submerged land in Veerapura was awarded Rs 15.49 lakh.

JUMBO REHEARSAL

Dasara elephants march on the Jamboo Savari route as part of their training in Mysuru on Tuesday. Eleven jumbos have arrived in the cultural capital. DH PHOTO/ANUP RAGH T

MM Hill tiger deaths: Bail granted to 3 accused

CHAMARAJANAGAR, DHNS: The Additional District and Sessions Court (Kollegal) has granted bail for the three accused in connection with the poisoning of five tigers to death at Hoogyam range, in Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Division.

Madaraju, Nagaraju and Konappa have been granted bail. They have been directed to furnish a security bond of Rs 50,000 and asked not to go anywhere without the court's permission.

Meanwhile, the Forest department officials, who have completed the investigation into the unnatural death of the tigers, have submitted a charge sheet to the court. An application will be filed to the court seeking cancellation of bail of the accused, said DCF Bhaskar of the Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Division.

Elephant found dead

Meanwhile, the carcass of a 25-year-old male elephant was found at Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Tiger Reserve in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district, on Tuesday.

The officials suspected that the elephant might have died around 10 days ago, in a fight with other jumbo. Veterinarians conducted the post mortem and have collected the samples and viscera and sent it to lab for testing.

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50% US tariffs a reality now for India

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Industries like leather, ceramics, chemicals, handicrafts and carpets will also face a sharp erosion of competitiveness, particularly against European, South-East Asia and Mexican producers.

"Delays, order cancellations and negated cost advantages loom large on these sectors," said FIEO President S C Ralhan.

However, pharmaceuticals, electronics and petroleum products are spared for now. Aluminium, steel/iron and copper, which currently face 25% duty, are also exempt from the additional 25%.

According to the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), textiles and apparel manufacturers in Tiruppur, Noida and Surat have halted production amid worsening cost competitiveness in the US. With higher tariff, this sector will lose ground to lower-cost rivals from Vietnam and Bangladesh.

"India's products will lose competitiveness and potentially benefiting countries like China and Vietnam, as tariff imposed on India is also higher than on other Asian countries such as China (30%), Vietnam (20%), Indonesia (19%), and Japan (15%)," SBI Research said in a note.

Around $47-48 billion worth of India's US-bound shipments are now exposed to pricing disadvantages of 30–35%, rendering them uncompetitive in comparison to its competitors, said FIEO President Ralhan.

As per an analysis by the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), India's exports to the US were valued at $86.5 billion in 2024-25. Out of this, around $60.2 billion (66%) will now face the 50% tariff. Another $3.4 billion in auto parts remains at 25%, while $27.6 billion, mostly pharma, electronics and petroleum, stays duty-free.

"This is a strategic shock that threatens India's long-standing foothold in US labour-intensive markets, risks mass unemployment in export hubs, and could weaken India's participation in global value chains," said GTRI founder Ajay Srivastava.

"Competitors like China, Vietnam, Mexico, Turkey, and even Pakistan, Nepal, Guatemala, and Kenya stand to gain, potentially locking India out of key markets even after tariffs are rolled back," he added.

City Municipal Corporation Bidar

No: BMC/ENG/CR-227/2025-26 Dated:-26-08-2025

TENDER NOTIFCATION

1.	Name of work	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT48115
2.	Estimated cost	As per e-portal
3.	Eligibility of Agency/ Consultant	As per e-portal
4.	EMD amount	As per e-portal
5.	Last date for submission of tender	11-09-2025 upto 04.00 PM
6.	Technical bid opening	12-09-2025 at 04.30 PM
7.	Address for communication	Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council Bidar, Pin Code 585401, E-mail : itstaff_ulb_bidar@yahoo.com 08482-240432
8.	Website	https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

Sd/-
Commissioner
City Corporation, Bidar

SC: Does Guv have power to withhold money Bill?

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"That is delineating the power. But the moment it is accepted that he had a right to withhold, then is his declaration in a particular case of withholding is available to judicial review? My respectful answer is no," he said.

He said, "First of all, when we discuss justiciability, we need to define justiciability of what? If there is a power and that power is accepted to be high discretion vested in a high constitutional functionary, is there any scope left for judicial review of that particular power? Each power and each exercise of power and each nature of function will have to be tested by itself."

He argued that if the power says that the high functionary is satisfied, then the court is entitled to make sure that the high functionary is satisfied.

"If the constitutional provision does not expressly create any such condition for exercise of power, the court cannot read in a precondition and then create the (condition)," he contended.

Referring to Article 200, he said, it gives no indication when he should withhold, when he should assent, when should he reserve it for the president, or when should he send it back.

"So, there is no judicially manageable standard by which the court can test whether he has rightly exercised that... Did he have to fulfil any condition before exercising the power? The answer is no. That is the important point on justiciability," Salve argued.

Salve said the scheme of Article 200 leaves no doubt that the founding fathers did not intend to make the referral of a Bill to the House a necessary consequence of withholding assent.

Salve also maintained that assent to a law cannot be given by a court.

"Assent to a law has to be given either by the Governor or by the President... the power of the court under Article 142 is to do complete justice. It cannot expand the power of the court to grant assent to legislation," Salve contended.

"The bar under Article 361 creates a situation where you cannot ask him to explain why he did what he did. Nor can you direct him to do what you think is right," he said.

During the hearing, the bench asked senior advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul, who represented the Madhya Pradesh government, if the Governor sits on Bills from 2020 to 2025, should the court sit powerless? Kaul replied that if there is egregious conduct on the part of the Governor, then the Parliament is the best placed to take care of it, and it has been said in the apex court's judgments.

DKS apologises for RSS prayer in Assembly...

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On August 21, during a debate on the June 4 Chinnaswamy Stadium stampede, Shivakumar broke into RSS' prayer *Namaste Sada Vatsale Matrubhoome*.

"It was a passing reference. I wanted to pull the BJP's leg by telling them that I am aware of their ideology," Shivakumar said, adding that he has researched all political parties. "It is my duty to track what my political opponents are doing."

The apology came a day after criticism from senior Congress leader B K Hariprasad. "Anybody questioning my loyalty is a big fool," Shivakumar said.

"By birth I am a Congressman. I will die a Congressman. That has been my politics."

Shivakumar said he is overseeing the construction of 100 new Congress offices in Karnataka to mark the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's party presidency.

"I have said party offices are like temples. No one can come close to what I have done at my age," he said, adding that he has been associated with Congress since 1979-80.

"I don't need lessons from anyone. When Indira Gandhi died, I named my touring talkies after her," Shivakumar said. "My relationship with the Gandhi family is like one between a deity and a devotee," he said, describing the Gandhis as "my God".

Shivakumar recalled safeguarding party lawmakers from Maharashtra (2002) to help then chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh, and from Gujarat (2017) to ensure Ahmed Patel's election to Rajya Sabha.

"There were 400 cases filed against 77 family members," Shivakumar said.

"What happened to the ED case in which I went to Tihar jail? The Supreme Court dismissed the case," he said.

"I didn't even have a chair to sit on in jail. There was a 10x10 bathroom. I slept on the floor. Ate the jail food. Only I know what I went through," he said.

Shivakumar said he believes in all religions. "But I am not ready to give up my religion," he said. "I am a born Hindu."

Former judges slam colleague's criticism of Shah

NEW DELHI, DHNS: A group of 56 judges, including two former Chief Justices of India P Sathasivam and Ranjan Gogoi, on Tuesday reacted strongly to a criticism by some former judges of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's "misinterpretation" of a judgment delivered by Justice B Sudershan Reddy, the Opposition's vice-presidential candidate.

"These statements are determined to cloak their political partisanship under the language of judicial independence," they said.

Recording strong disagreement with the recent statement issued by a group of retired judges, they claimed it has become a predictable pattern, wherein every major political development is met with statements from the same quarters.

"This practice does a great disservice to the institution we once served, as it projects judges as political actors," the statement said.

They were reacting to the statement of 18 retired judges who had termed as "unfortunate" Shah's attack on Reddy over his 2011 judgment disbanding Salwa Judum, an armed tribal organisation that fought alongside police against Maoists in Chhattisgarh.

"What truly tarnishes the reputation of the judiciary is when former judges issue partisan statements, giving the impression that the institution itself is aligned with political battles. Because of the fault of a few, the larger body of judges ends up being painted as partisan coterie," they said.

Operation Sindoor not over, merely paused: Rajnath

Says India won't bow down to those who intend to harm it

S N V SUDHIR
HYDERABAD, DHNS

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said Operation Sindoor is 'not over but merely paused', while reaffirming India's commitment to respond decisively to security threats without engaging in aggressive expansionism.

Speaking after commissioning the multi-mission stealth frigates, Udaygiri and Himgiri, into the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam naval base, Singh emphasised India's defensive yet resolute stance on national security.

Congratulating the Navy, Singh said, one country has F-35 (fifth-generation fighter jet) flying in the air while the Indian Navy made 'F-35 warship', INS Udaygiri, sails on the sea with 'Made in India' technology.

"India does not believe in aggressive expansionism. We never attack any country or provoke anyone. However, this doesn't mean we bow before those who intend to harm us. When our security is threatened, we know how to give a befitting reply," said Singh.

The Defence Minister referenced the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam that claimed innocent civilian lives, explaining that India responded with 'an effective, measured and precise response through Operation Sindoor'. He noted that the operation successfully achieved its stated goal of destroying terrorist hideouts.

"I want to reiterate that the operation is not over; it is merely a pause. Today, the entire nation stands united against terrorism under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, and this national unity, discipline, sacrifice, and dedication constitute our real strength," Singh said.

Addressing the rapidly changing nature of modern warfare, he highlighted how new technologies, strategies, and equipment are emerging in every conflict, making continuous adaptation essential.

"Old thinking won't work in today's era. We need to anticipate new threats and keep finding solutions, which is why our government prioritises research and development in the defence sector," he explained. "Previously, only a few countries manufactured high-tech equipment, but now India is producing these systems on its own soil," Singh added.

He praised the Indian Navy's prompt planning and execution during Operation Sindoor, noting that "the adversary now realises the strength and capability of our Navy." He highlighted the seamless coordination among the three services and other security agencies as evidence of the nation's unified approach to challenges.

Singh expressed the government's unwavering commitment to strengthening the Armed Forces under a futuristic vision, describing this as a significant achievement of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign.

Stealth frigate INS Himgiri during its commissioning ceremony in Visakhapatnam. PTI

2 stealth frigates commissioned

HYDERABAD, DHNS: In a testimony to India's growing shipbuilding prowess and self-reliance push, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday commissioned into Indian Navy two multi-mission stealth frigates, INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri, under Project 17A at the naval base in Visakhapatnam.

It was for the first time that two frontline surface combatants indigenously constructed by two different shipyards — Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited—were commissioned simultaneously.

The induction highlights the navy's growing operational focus on the Eastern Seaboard. Both frigates will join the eastern fleet under the Eastern Naval Command, enhancing India's ability to respond rapidly to maritime contingencies and to secure sea lanes in the Bay of Bengal and beyond.

Rajnath Singh exuded confidence that the warships will strengthen the security system and safeguard maritime interests.

IAF chief proposes joint planning & coordination centre

MHOW (MP), PTI: Air Chief Marshal A P Singh on Tuesday cautioned against going ahead with the theaterisation plan in a hurry and proposed the setting up of a joint planning and coordination centre in Delhi comprising top military brass to ensure tri-services synergy.

In a fireside chat at the Army War College, the Chief of Air Staff, referring to proposed theatre commands, said creating a new structure while disrupting everything is not a very good idea at this point in time.

The significant remarks by the Air Chief Marshal came three-and-a-half months after India carried out Operation Sindoor, which reflected various elements of synergy among the three services.

In his remarks, Singh said the operation once again established the "primacy" of air power even as he highlighted the tri-services coordination during the May 7 to 10 conflict with Pakistan.

He said Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan played a "very big role" during Operation Sindoor. He highlighted how Gen Chauhan and the three service chiefs worked closely in planning and executing the operation.

"I personally feel that having a joint planning and coordination centre in Delhi is what is required," he said, suggesting that it should be kept under the Chiefs of Staff Committee's direction, which can be issued jointly.

With Gen Chauhan listening, Air Chief Marshal Singh said "centrally planned" decisions can be executed under a decentralised framework. "That will work out the best."

"But yes, we can start with this first, implement it and see how it pans out. If we need any more structure, we can think about it. But disrupting everything and making one structure now at this time, I do not think it is a very good idea," he said.

The Chief of Air Staff said the structure for coordination that was seen during Operation Sindoor is likely to work during a long-drawn conflict as well. He also said that India should not be inspired by any other country, like the US, in rolling out theatre commands.

Under the theaterisation model, the government seeks to integrate the capabilities of the Army, Air Force and the Navy and optimally utilise their resources for wars and operations.

I'm focused on farmers' welfare: Chouhan on BJP chief post buzz

GWALIOR, PTI: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday parried questions on prospects of him becoming the next BJP president and asserted he was single-mindedly focused on increasing farm production and boosting the income of cultivators.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Asked by journalists about his reported meeting with RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat in New Delhi over the last weekend, fuelling speculations of him being a contender for the BJP president's post, Chouhan sidestepped the queries and affirmed he was busy handling his ministerial responsibilities.

On being probed more on the issue, he remarked, "Neither have I ever thought of it, nor has anyone told me. I can't even think of it. I am the Agriculture and Rural Development Minister... Serving farmers is worship of God for me, and I want to keep doing this worship."

Chouhan (66), a prominent OBC leader, has been the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh for a record four times and is seen as a politician with grassroots connections.

NDA's team of 98 to counter Rahul, Tejashwi in Bihar

Senior leaders and workers to fight vote theft charges

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The NDA has constituted a team of 98 leaders from across its constituent parties to counter the Congress-RJD combine's vote theft allegations and subsequent yatra in Bihar. The team was formed after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's August 22 rally in the state.

Sources in the BJP said that the leaders have been divided in 14 teams. They will hold conferences and door-to-door campaigns to counter the Opposition's allegations.

Each team will have seven members. Seven teams will be headed by BJP leaders and seven by JD(U) leaders. According to sources, the BJP's top leadership has strategised the teams in such a way that leaders of all NDA constituent parties will be included in the 14 teams, that will cover all constituencies in the state.

The teams will be led by JD(U) working president Sanjay Jha, and Union ministers Giriraj Singh, Jitan Ram Manjhi, Nityanand Rai, Satish Chandra Dubey and Ram Nath Thakur, among others. Bihar deputy chief ministers Samrat Chaudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha will head individual teams. State presidents of all NDA parties have also been included.

BJP leaders said that the NDA is going to take an aggressive stance against the leaders of I.N.D.I.A bloc, especially the RJD and Congress. They are working a strategy to attack the Opposition on the issues of corruption and misgovernance.

A leader heading one of the teams said that they are holding conferences, after which they will head to the regions entrusted to them. "We are holding workers' conferences every three days. Then we move on to a conference spread out across another three days," the leader said.

The workers are being prepared to counter the Opposition. "Our policies, our work during the last few years and what is in the pipeline for our voters—this is what we intend to tell our workers," the leader said.

Leaders will also hold a joint press conference to highlight the achievements of the NDA government at the Centre and in the state. In his recent rally, Modi had announced development projects worth Rs 13,000 crore in Gaya.

The yatra by Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav, which is making its way across 20 districts of Bihar with vote theft allegations against the ruling BJP, has put more pressure on the ruling dispensation.

India, US set to seal $1 billion Tejas jet engine deal

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Amid ongoing tariff tensions, India is likely to sign a mega defence deal with the US to buy 113 additional F-404 engines from General Electric for 97 Tejas LCA jets, which the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited will manufacture.

The deal worth around $1 billion is likely to be inked by September, according to an ANI report that quoted unnamed defence officials.

A week ago, the Cabinet Committee on Security approved the purchase of 97 additional Tejas LCA Mk-1A from HAL at a cost of Rs 62,000 crore to boost the Indian Air Force's depleting squadron strength.

Indian officials said the new deal would help HAL complete the delivery of 180 Tejas LCA Mk-1A in time.

The new deal will help HAL complete the delivery of 180 Tejas LCA Mk-1A in time. DH FILE PHOTO

Due to a long delay in GE's supply of F-404, the Bengaluru-based aviation major is yet to supply the homegrown fighter jets to the Indian Air Force.

HAL plans to meet its production targets, with the first batch of 83 aircraft slated for delivery by 2029-30, and the subsequent 97 by 2033-34, provided GE fulfils its promise of supplying two engines per month.

HAL is also parallelly negotiating with GE to buy 200 more powerful GE-414 engines for the advanced versions of Tejas LCA and the indigenous fifth-generation advanced medium combat aircraft.

Sources said the ongoing discussions involving HAL, Defence Ministry and US officials might conclude in a few months.

The indigenous fighter aircraft programme, backed by the Defence Ministry and Air Headquarters, will promote indigenisation and also give a leg-up to small and medium enterprises engaged in defence business.

Indian and US officials on Tuesday held a 2+2 discussion on defence and military cooperation. The two countries are working on a new 10-year framework for India-US major defence partnership.

Activists seek judicial inquiry into EC's functioning

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NEW DELHI, DHNS

Activists have launched a signature campaign urging the President to order a judicial inquiry into the functioning of the Election Commission (EC), particularly on maintaining the integrity of the electoral process and voters' lists, arguing that any erosion of public trust must be addressed urgently.

The campaign cited the EC's differing approaches in handling allegations raised by Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and BJP MP Anurag Thakur, its refusal to provide machine-readable electoral rolls, and amendments to rules denying access to CCTV footage, among other issues.

Prof Jagdeep Chokhar of the Association for Democratic Reforms, former IAS officers EAS Sarma and Jawahar Sircar, and activist Teesta Setalvad, among others, initiated the campaign at a time when the EC is facing allegations of irregularities in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Bihar.

"The effectiveness of the Election Commission as the custodian of free and fair elections depends on the trust it elicits from the public. Any instance that is likely to erode that trust needs to be looked into at the earliest," the appeal to the President stated.

'Judicial inquiry'

"To ensure that the EC functions in an apolitical and independent manner and maintains its credibility, we respectfully appeal to you to order a judicial inquiry to determine the factual position regarding the questions posed above and the corrective action needed," it added.

The appeal referred to Rahul's claims on the Mahadevapura Assembly seat and Thakur's claims on five Lok Sabha seats and one Assembly seat. It noted that there was "no evidence" showing that the EC had demanded an "oath" from the BJP MP on his allegation, as it had from Rahul.

A portion of the Chandigarh–Manali highway washed away due to flooding in the Beas River in Kullu. PTI

Commuters wade through a waterlogged area following rainfall, at Delhi-Gurugram Expressway. PTI

J&K rain fury: 9 pilgrims among 13 dead

SRINAGAR, DHNS & PTI

Rivers overflowed, the raging waters flattening everything in their way, and boulders, trees and rocks hurtled down slopes across the Jammu region on Tuesday, killing at least 13 people, including nine pilgrims struck by a landslide on the Vaishno Devi route.

At least four people were killed in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir after a cloudburst triggered flash floods and damaged several houses, even as authorities sounded fresh alert for extreme weather across the Union Territory.

"There has been considerable damage to residential structures and other property in several areas. The district administration is on high alert, and rescue and relief operations are underway," an official spokesperson said. Hundreds of people were evacuated from low-lying areas.

Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar and Kishtwar-Doda national highways was suspended, and dozens of hill roads were blocked or damaged by landslides or flash floods, they said. Many trains to and from Jammu were cancelled, the officials added.

Vehicles stuck as a portion of the Fourth Tawi Bridge was damaged after relentless rainfall in Jammu on Tuesday. PTI

The winding route to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop the Trikuta hill was a picture of devastation. At least nine people were killed when the mountainside gave way around 3 pm.

The toll could go up, with several people feared trapped, officials said.

Three relief columns of the army were mobilised in rescue and relief operations in and around Katra.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chaired a high-level meeting on flood preparedness. He directed every department to remain in full readiness.

All government and private schools in the Jammu division were directed to close till August 27.

Shah warns of 'deliberate' demographic changes

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said demographic changes are taking place in the country's border areas as part of a "deliberate design" directly impacting national security, and urged district collectors, state chief secretaries and paramilitary forces to take appropriate action.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the two-day Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) workshop here, Shah stressed that all illegal encroachments within at least a 30-kilometre radius of the borders must be removed. He highlighted the "commendable" work of the Gujarat government in clearing numerous encroachments along both maritime and land borders.

He said the VVP aims to prevent migration from border villages, ensure that every resident benefits from central and state government schemes, and develop these villages into strong assets for strengthening both border and national security.

'Sangh doesn't control swayamsevaks'

NEW DELHI, DHNS

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, on Friday, said its cadre working in various walks of life are independent and autonomous, as the parent body limits itself to the task of character building and providing ideological moorings to its swayamsevaks.

"The credit for the work they do is entirely theirs. Though we as the parent organisation have to share the discredit at times," Bhagwat said in the first part of the three-day lecture series in Delhi being organised to mark 100 years of the RSS.

"We believe that nation-building as an objective should not be left to the political class; this is something we should take into our own hands," he added.

Bhagwat's statement assumes importance in the wake of the debate over its relationship with its affiliates, especially the BJP, after the latter's ascension as the dominant political force in the country. RSS's chief's current deliberations in Delhi are also being closely watched for any clues on the long-pending election of the BJP President after the incumbent JP Nadda's tenure got over last year.

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat addresses the gathering during a lecture series on 100 years of RSS in New Delhi. PTI

In his one-and-a-half-hour address before a select group of audience from all walks of life and diplomats, Bhagwat sought to explain the concept of "Hindu-Rashtra", and the purpose of the creation of the RSS, which was to make India a world power.

"Hindus are those who believe in the way one has chosen and respect the path chosen by others. They accept the way of life chosen by others and do not disrespect it. Those who follow this path are Hindus," Bhagwat said.

"The DNA of the people of India has been the same for 40,000 years. Our culture is the same, of living together," he added. His comments are a continuation of the Sangh's recent outreach activities. Recently, Bhagwat met a group of Muslim clerics.

Bhagwat also stressed that the idea of 'Hindu Rashtra' is not a political construct, but a geographical one.

Amid tariff tensions, India & US hold 2+2 intersessional dialogue on trade, energy security

NEW DELHI, DHNS: With the Donald Trump administration set to impose an additional 25% duty on India's exports to the United States, senior officials of the two governments met in New Delhi and discussed trade and investment, energy security and critical minerals exploration.

The officials also discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in civil nuclear energy and in combating narcotics and terrorism.

With India keen to stay the course in its strategic partnership with the US despite the tariff tirade, senior officials of the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Defence held the India-US 2+2 intersessional dialogue with their US counterparts.

"Through this dialogue, officials advanced bilateral initiatives, discussed regional security developments and exchanged perspectives on a number of shared strategic priorities. They discussed trade and investment, energy security, including strengthening civil-nuclear cooperation, critical minerals exploration, counternarcotics and counterterrorism cooperation, and more," the MEA said in a press release on Tuesday.

They discussed ways to increase defence cooperation, including signing a new 10-year framework for the India-US Major Defence Partnership, as well as advancing defence industrial, science and technology cooperation, operational coordination, regional cooperation, and information-sharing.

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GST reform and ease of compliance

With the Group of Ministers (GoM) on Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate rationalisation agreeing to the Union government's proposal to restructure the existing tax slabs, the GST system is set for its biggest overhaul. The proposal is to scrap the 12% and 28% slabs and consolidate them with lower rates of 5% and 18%. This will simplify and rationalise the tax structure, making many goods and services cheaper. About 99% of the items that are taxed at 12% will be moved to the 5% slab and 90% of those in the 28% bracket will be shifted to the 18% slab. But a new slab of 40% may be created for luxury items and sin goods to discourage their consumption.

Simplification of the structure is not just about reducing the number of slabs. It also involves simplifying processes, including the procedure for returns, easing of registration, and speeding up refunds. The government has also changed the tax slabs in the new Income Tax Bill which was passed in the monsoon session of the Parliament. The changes in both the direct and indirect tax laws will most likely lead to a fall in revenues. The GST rate (weighted average) had fallen from 14.4% in 2017 to 11.6% by September 2019. This is set to fall further now. The fall in tax rates is bound to lead to an increase in consumption and a widening of the tax base. The simplification of procedures is likely to lead to greater compliance. When the tax rate is as low as 5% for many goods, there will be little incentive for evasion and avoidance. That can also mean less discretionary actions and corruption on the part of the officials.

Restructured GST slabs make processes easier, but states' concerns need to be addressed

The tariff war declared by the US under the Donald Trump administration may have prompted the government to speed up the GST reforms. If the US administration sticks to the high tariffs, India's growth rate will be affected. The expectation is that the increase in domestic consumption resulting from lower tax rates can spur economic growth. The easing of the tax burden may particularly help MSMEs which account for about 30% of the GDP. But states that have an important stake in the tax system have concerns over revenue losses caused by the lowering of rates. They are likely to demand compensation for their losses. These concerns will have to be addressed, especially when many states have grievances over other aspects of revenue sharing.

Cancer spike calls for concerted action

India is grappling with a rising burden of cancer cases, with projections of a continued increase in numbers necessitating focused intervention. According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the country saw an estimated 14.61 lakh new cancer cases in 2022; this figure is expected to rise to 15.7 lakh by 2025. There is a lifetime cancer risk for one in nine people. These figures are considered conservative. Cancer-related mortality went up at an average rate of 0.1-1% in the last few years. Globally, India has the highest growth rates for cancer. A parliamentary panel report recently said, quoting the ICMR, that cancer deaths in the country would rise 20% to 880,000 in the next four years. As in the case of tuberculosis and diabetes, India is becoming the world's cancer capital.

The rise in cases has been traced to multiple reasons – primarily, the changes in lifestyle and unhealthy dietary habits. Regions with high use of tobacco and alcohol have reported a higher incidence of cancer. The country has a wider spread of diagnostic facilities and more advanced diagnostic techniques than in the past. Breast, lung, oral, and cervical cancers remain significant threats. Late diagnosis has been consistently cited as among the major reasons for the high mortality rate among cancer patients. It is worrying that despite targeted awareness programmes, cancer screening rates remain very low. It is estimated that only less than 5% of the population is covered under the national programme for prevention of cancer and other major ailments. The Committee on Petitions, Rajya Sabha, recommended in a report last week that cancer be declared a notifiable disease, to ensure systematic reporting and collation of reliable data.

Screening rates remain low. Hospital care is beyond the reach of the majority

Cancer treatment and care facilities have not kept pace with the needs of the rising population. Treatment is costly and most people cannot afford it. It is estimated that hospitalisation is beyond the reach of about 80% of the population. The HPV vaccine which can prevent cervical cancer is yet to be made a part of the vaccination scheme. The parliamentary committee has called for a nationwide rollout of the vaccine for girls in the 9-14 age group. It also noted that the country has only 2,000 oncologists for the estimated 10 million cancer patients. Greater focus needs to be applied on developing public awareness programmes, in both preventive and curative areas. The government should also work with non-profit and community organisations to formulate and implement efficient mitigation strategies.

PROFIT OVER PURPOSE

Health, education failures signal deep strain

With quality services becoming increasingly unaffordable in India, the *viksit* promise is on wobbly legs

JAGDISH RATTANANI

Mohan Bhagwat, the head of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), has noted that health and education are out of reach of ordinary Indians, and in saying that he has, to use a cliché, hit the nail on the head. Speaking earlier this month at the inauguration of an affordable cancer care facility at Indore, Bhagwat was quoted as saying: "Good healthcare and education facilities and all its schemes have become a necessity for every person in society today, but unfortunately, quality services in both sectors are beyond the reach and financial capacity of the common man."

Some will see this as veiled criticism of the policies of the Narendra Modi-led BJP government and its model of development, coming from the head of the RSS, which is the BJP's ideological parent. The remarks, after all, touch on a key facet of development being packaged and sold by the government – a Viksit Bharat sans affordable education and health, the two legs development needs to stand on.

But away from any political reading, Bhagwat's and the RSS' amplified voice under BJP rule serves in this case to highlight a burning issue, one that is felt in the bones by ordinary citizens. It is a plain fact that education is getting out of reach without getting better and health is a business increasingly spoken of in terms of investments, IPOs, and incentives rather than patient care. Some scandalous practices thrive on both legs of development. At the same time, India also has pockets of world-class facilities in health and education available to the privileged few so that we live with islands of global excellence in a sea of mediocrity, even misery.

It is not uncommon to see some professions or services as noble because of what they do – education impacts a new generation of citizens and medicine heals the sick. The aspiration, then, is to keep these activities outside the arena of the market, safe from the dog-eat-dog dynamic that works in other sectors to give us what we call growth. The RSS chief echoed this in a way by saying, "Earlier, (health and education) were done as a service, but today both have been commercialised."

But calling out to society to support these functions, to keep costs low or to broadly de-marketise them without radical policy change is to ask for charity and hope for kindness in an overly marketised society. Noted academic and author Michael Sandel speaks of the distinction between a market economy and a market society – the

former can bring efficiency while the latter puts a price on everything so that there is nothing that money cannot buy. It is possible to argue that India has become almost a de jure market economy but de facto works as a market society, which is remarkably out of place for a nation that has the word 'socialist' in the preamble of its Constitution. There is hardly anything the top 1% cannot buy – pay your way to safety, security and success. But since only some can pay, the rest will suffer and bring on the lament and the pain of how inequality plays out in every field, but most notably in hospitals and in schools.

Exclusionary model for imagined growth

In such a system, how do health insurance companies not collect their pound of flesh, how does the thriving industry in medical education survive without exorbitant fees and why should doctors or teachers settle for lower pay? Doctors and teachers, like the others, also need housing, travel, equipment, material and learning – all of which are outpriced and marketised. Sectoral charity will work in part, and indeed some of India's best hospitals and educational institutions are officially classified as charity institutions. But very few are truly charitable. Market imperatives rule and ensure that over time, most ordinary Indians are excluded.

A reductionist approach that seeks to inject the idea of duty, responsibility or in general a non-money mindedness selectively refuses to recognise that the ills are much wider. The failing health and education sectors are a symptom of a larger disease, of an imagined growth story and a fantasised giant economy that sees numbers but not the purpose, that has ignored those at the lower rungs of the ladder in the quest to shine in its fancy airports and bullet trains. It is this approach that leads to the statement of a minister quoted by Bhagwat as saying that education is a trillion dollar business, or indeed the NITI Aayog writing in a paper that noted the following: The healthcare sector has received heightened interest from investors (venture capital and private equity) over the last few years, with the transaction value increasing from $94 million (2011) to $1,275 million (2016) – a jump of over 13.5 times.

To stay on this path is to court disaster. No private equity or venture capital comes to serve. To get away from this trap, the government will have to rethink and re-ask the purpose of the growth story. India is the world's fourth-largest economy but what does that mean when the top 10% of its population holds more than 75% of the national wealth while the poorest half of the population sees only a 1% increase in their wealth, as Oxfam noted in a recent report.

Yet, around us are models that have worked wonders. They show a path not only to India but to the world by building on what is the true meaning of dharma. It takes a different resolve, rooted in a high sense of purpose and humility to achieve that, not marketing hype or machismo talk that has become the currency of India today.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Conquering the 'extra mile'

Imbibing the 'killer instinct' is as important as having an eye for detail

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Quite often, we hear people say, "Participating is more important than winning or losing." While there is some merit in this statement, in today's competitive world, winning is everything. When Usain Bolt was winning every race around the world, we hardly cared to find out who finished second each time. In recent years, Neeraj Chopra has experienced similar success.

In cricket, where there is immense competition for every position, only those who score runs or take wickets consistently are remembered. We dismiss the rest as 'flashes in the pan'. The same is the case with Novak Djokovic in tennis or Lionel Messi in football.

But why does that gold medal, or the champion's tag, come so rarely for us Indians in international competitions, barring cricket to some extent? After all, our leading sports stars get the best of attention from renowned coaches, and they train and compete regularly abroad. Their upkeep is well looked after, including nutrition, physical and mental health, and a fairly generous allowance. But it's our penchant to quickly attribute reasons – flimsy ones quite often – for missing out on that coveted podium finish every time that prevents us from striving for excellence.

The problem lies in the philosophical approach that we take for almost everything that we do in life. We don't attempt to go the extra mile that is the toughest to cover in any endeavour. Moderate success satisfies us. It's that extra mile that makes the difference between a bronze medal and a fourth place, or between gold and silver. Or, between an excellent performance and a mediocre one.

Our well-known frenzy to go overboard in eulogising the winners leads to overconfidence and complacency – proven recipes for disaster. A former boss of mine would always say, "Congratulations, well done. Celebrate for the next ten minutes and get back to work as if nothing has happened." Sounds a bit harsh, but that's what will take us to the pinnacle of success.

So, to reach greater heights, the culture of celebrating mediocrity must end. Imbibing the 'killer instinct' is as important as having an eye for detail, respect for each other, humility and adherence to ethical practices. Not just in sports, but in every walk of life, relentless focus on our objectives and goals and pursuing them with passion and determination are the only ways to succeed. This comes with a lot of sacrifice, though. These are the attributes that have made the difference between a Sachin Tendulkar, a Virat Kohli, or an Abhinav Bindra and all the others in the field.

Someone once said, "Imagine with all your mind; believe with all your heart; achieve with all your might." Roland Garros, the French aviation pioneer and fighter pilot whose name adorns the French Open tennis stadium, said, "Victory belongs to the most tenacious."

So true, because the world remembers and recognises only those who tread the extra mile to achieve glory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government should prioritise road safety

The tragic death of a young mother who plunged to her death near Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru when a car, driven on the wrong side of the flyover, crashed into the scooter is symptomatic of the times when people want to take shortcuts to save time, which often end in tragedies like this (Wrong lanes, fatal consequences, Aug 26). Over 60,000 deaths in 2.1 lakh road accidents in Karnataka in the past five-and-a-half years tell a grim story of systemic failures at multiple levels -- failure of the police in taking corrective action aided by riders with scant respect for traffic regulations. The statistics indicate that the majority of those killed are between the ages of 18 and 45 – a national loss – which is a trauma for the families, besides the loss of an earning member. Karnataka has the dubious distinction of ranking fifth at the all-India level in terms of the number of accidents and fatalities. The state government must take measures to instil a safety mindset. Media initiatives such as short clips of accidents in cinema halls and as reels on social media can be used to educate public.

H R Bapu Satyanarayana, Mysuru

Downfall of democracy?

The functioning of India's state legislatures and parliament leaves much to be desired. Instead of being forums for discussion and debate, they have degenerated into chambers where little meaningful discussion takes place, marred by noisy protests and disruptions. The ruling dispensation, particularly at the Centre, often deliberately prevents the parliament from functioning, rushing bills through and passing them without debate. Repeated adjournments are made without reason, and the opposition is not allowed to have its say in the House. The presiding officers conduct proceedings in a partisan manner, without giving the opposition a chance to articulate their views, and bulldoze through the proceedings using their brute majority. This undermines the democratic functioning of our institutions and highlights the decline of our democracy.

V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

World's shame

The media reports about Gaza's famine are distressing. The war rages on, causing heavy losses, and starvation is being used as a weapon. This is a failure of humanity. Wars yield no profit; they only drain nations of life and wealth, leaving behind ruin. Unless the conflict ends now, recovery will be nearly impossible. Global powers must intervene decisively, ensuring that aid reaches the starving, and negotiations must replace violence. If the world delays, the consequences will not be limited to Gaza alone; it will mark a downfall of humanity itself. A peaceful resolution is no longer an option but a necessity.

Vageshwary C Nair, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

I don't want to hurt anyone. My life is to serve others, not hurt feelings. To all Congressmen, party workers and political friends from the I.N.D.I.A who may be hurt...if you feel I've made a mistake, which I have not, I'm ready to apologise and seek your guidance.

D K Shivakumar, Karnataka Dy CM (On singing the RSS anthem)

Never ruin an apology with an excuse.
Benjamin Franklin

TO BE PRECISE

"We will bear with it" :PM ahead of US tariff deadline

IN PERSPECTIVE

A bill for safe play

High-addiction industries warrant stringent restrictions. The ban on real money games is a moral and economic imperative

CHITRA SARUPARIA

The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025, banning online games involving monetary transactions, is a decisive step to protect families, restore accountability, and create a safer digital environment. Critics may argue that the ban could disrupt the burgeoning online gaming sector. But the cost of this ban is marginal, considering the severe financial, psychological, and social harm the games cause.

According to an estimate, 45 crore people are adversely impacted by online money games and have incurred a loss of more than Rs 20,000 crore. It has resulted in household debt, depleted savings, and, in extreme cases, tragic outcomes including suicides. Unlike traditional entertainment, online gambling preys on psychological vulnerabilities, exploiting the desire for quick gains.

Young people are especially at risk. Often, they are unaware of the dangers involved in such games. They access these platforms through parental accounts or peer influence. Such early exposure may lead to long-term addiction, financial instability, and impaired decision-making. Treating gambling as a public health issue, similar to tobacco or alcohol, is both responsible and necessary. It is not only a moral obligation to protect youth, but it is also a long-term investment for the country, which can ensure social and economic stability.

Historically, Indian courts distinguished between "games of skill" and "games of chance," allowing the former while outlawing the latter. In the digital era, many operators claimed skill-based status to circumvent existing regulations. The new law closes these loopholes, banning all online games with monetary stakes and providing much-needed legal clarity.

Some argue that people should have the freedom to gamble. However, gambling is not purely a private indulgence; it is a social hazard, especially in a country with uneven financial literacy. This ban defines and establishes unambiguous rules and protects individuals, families, and society at large.

Unlike tobacco, whose harms manifest over decades, online real money games can devastate households overnight. Addiction leads to indebtedness, family distress, and in extreme cases, bankruptcy. Therefore, protecting the young population from financial and emotional harm is a moral and economic imperative, as there is an urgent need to tap into the demographic dividend to its maximum potential.

Unregulated online platforms create systemic financial risks. Cross-border illicit flows, money laundering, and fraud can all be facilitated by anonymous digital transactions. These dangers compromise India's quickly digitising financial system. Due to its digital nature, the online gaming market is fragmented, making it challenging to tax and regulate effectively. It could have unintended economic costs for consumers, regulators, and banks.

Real-money gaming is heavily marketed to the youth. Gamification and reward loops exploit behavioural triggers, increasing the risk of compulsive play. Protecting these demographic safeguards is crucial for both individual well-being and the stability of household finances, which in turn affects the broader economy through reduced debt defaults and consumption disruptions.

Lessons in enforcement

Different countries have adopted diverse approaches. China banned online gambling entirely to curb societal harm, whereas Singapore allows it under strict controls, including entry levies and spending limits. The UK and the US regulate with licensing, age verification, and anti-addiction programmes.

India's ban aligns with the precautionary principle: nascent, high-addiction industries are tightly restricted until robust regulatory frameworks exist. Protecting citizens and maintaining economic stability are the government's top priorities right now.

While the ban may disrupt the online gaming sector, it also presents ample opportunity for ethical innovation. Platforms can pivot to subscription-based, ad-driven, or non-monetary formats, engaging users without exploiting vulnerabilities.

This regulatory shift provides India with a chance to reshape its digital identity. By promoting educational, cultural, and skill-based games, the nation can empower users while reflecting Indian values. Technological creativity, combined with India's storytelling tradition, allows the country to lead in safe and innovative game design, both domestically and internationally. This approach balances economic growth with social responsibility and promotes an ecosystem where innovation thrives without harming citizens.

Effective enforcement is a must. However, offshore platforms and unregulated spaces pose significant challenges. A black market could undermine the intent of the law in the absence of technological blocking, rehabilitation programmes, awareness campaigns, and international cooperation.

Regulatory oversight, public education, and initiatives focused on industry accountability, rehabilitation, and financial literacy are required. These multi-dimensional strategies can mitigate addiction and financial loss while promoting safe digital practices. The ban lays down the solid ground for a safer and sustainable digital ecosystem. The bill is bold and timely, prioritising public health, legal clarity, and economic prudence over short-term disruption.

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India's National Cooperative Policy 2025: Promises and pitfalls

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As 2025 has been designated the Year of International Cooperatives, India—home to over a quarter of the world's cooperatives—has launched the National Cooperative Policy 2025, a major initiative aimed at revitalising its vast cooperative sector. With over 800,000 cooperative societies and nearly one-third of rural citizens directly involved, the policy aims to reimagine cooperatives as engines of socio-economic transformation.

The policy envisions "vibrant and economically self-reliant cooperatives" as tools to improve member incomes and spur development. It outlines reforms in legal frameworks, financial access, technology, and market integration to build a more dynamic and resilient cooperative ecosystem. Legal and regulatory changes are central, aimed at granting cooperatives more autonomy, improving transparency, and easing the business environment. The policy also prioritises inclusive finance, particularly for marginalised and underserved communities, aligning with broader national goals of financial inclusion.

A flagship proposal is the creation of Model Cooperative Villages, one in each district, centred around Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). These villages are meant to demonstrate best practices in governance, technology, and diversified activity, serving as examples for others to follow. However, the success of this initiative depends on substantial investments in infrastructure and training. Without these, model villages risk becoming symbolic rather than transformational.

The policy emphasises greater participation of youth and women, especially from marginalised communities. It seeks to reframe cooperatives as people-centric rather than bureaucratic institutions, advocating participatory governance over top-down control. To support this shift, the policy calls for integrating cooperative education into formal and informal learning, building curricula that teach cooperative principles, and training youth and women for employment in the sector. A supportive ecosystem for trainers and educators is also envisioned to ensure broad dissemination of cooperative knowledge.

Technology and sustainability

Digitisation is a key focus, aiming to make cooperatives "future-ready" through digital platforms like Cooperative Stack and Agri Stack. These tools are intended to better integrate cooperatives into the broader digital economy. The policy also promotes sustainability and a circular economy approach, recognising these as strategic areas for innovation in line with global environmental goals. Still, concerns remain about centralisation. If not carefully designed, digital systems could marginalise grassroots voices and reduce democratic participation, especially in the absence of robust accountability measures.

Despite its ambitious scope, the policy faces several limitations:

- Centralisation vs Federalism: While it nods to cooperative federalism, the policy leans toward central control. The lack of clear coordination mechanisms may undermine the autonomy of state-level cooperatives.
- Model villages without a model code: The absence of a model cooperative code makes implementation inconsistent across states and open to political interference.
- Symbolic inclusion: While inclusion of marginalised groups is emphasised, there are no legally binding mandates, making much of this rhetoric non-substantive.
- Political interference: Cooperatives have long been vulnerable to elite capture. The policy fails to introduce safeguards against such risks, leaving space for misuse of cooperatives for political consolidation.
- Over-centralised ERP systems: Though intended to increase transparency, enterprise resource planning (ERP) tools could further centralise control and data, sidelining small or diverse cooperatives.
- Urban cooperatives overlooked: The policy remains predominantly rural and agrarian in focus, missing opportunities in emerging urban cooperative sectors like gig work, housing, sanitation, and construction.

To bridge the gap between aspiration and implementation, the following reforms are recommended:

- National commission on cooperative governance: An independent body to ensure decentralisation, monitor political interference, and guide implementation.
- Mandatory social audits: Regular audits to improve transparency and accountability from the grassroots up.
- Model cooperative code: Legal standardisation across states to empower cooperatives and protect autonomy.
- Cooperative innovation and resilience fund: A national fund to support experimentation, crisis response, and sustainable scaling.
- Women and tribal cooperative equity mission: Targeted support for historically marginalised groups to ensure meaningful participation.

The National Cooperative Policy 2025 is an important step forward, reflecting a renewed commitment to participatory economic models. It improves upon past drafts, particularly the 2022 version, but risks becoming another well-intentioned document without real teeth. For cooperatives to thrive, they must be democratic, autonomous, and forward-looking — not mere instruments of state delivery. Realising their full potential demands institutional reforms grounded in the constitutional ideals of social and economic democracy. If implemented with accountability, equity, and vision, the policy could mark a genuine shift in how India harnesses its cooperative legacy — turning policy rhetoric into real, lasting transformation.

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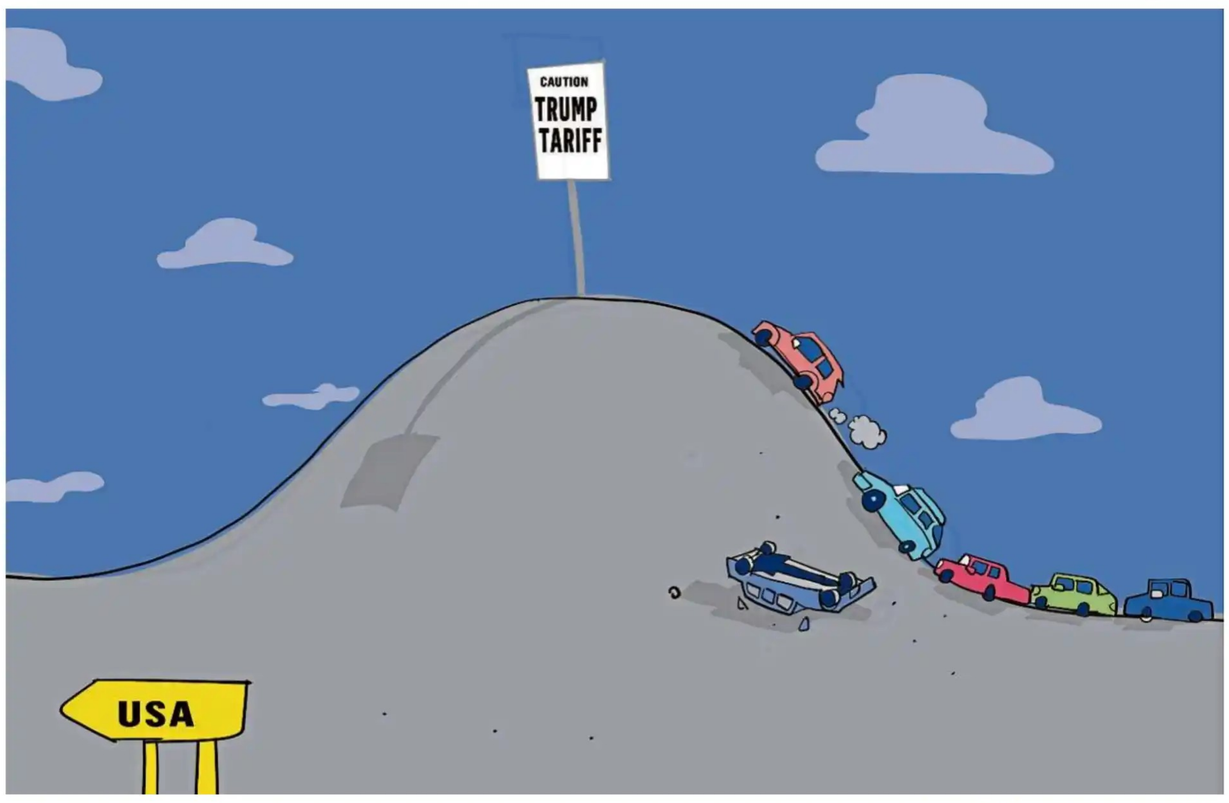
President Trump's tariffs are threatening smaller parts companies that are key to manufacturing and employ hundreds of thousands in Japan, South Korea and Germany

RIVER AKIRA DAVIS, JIN YU YOUNG, MELISSA EDDY AND HISAKO UENO



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The backbone of the global auto supply chain is at risk

In a factory in Hekinan, a seaside town southwest of Tokyo, machines spit hot metal rods into baskets. On a recent Monday, afternoon light poured in through yellowed windows, and the air inside was hot and smelled of metal shavings.

The plant, operated by an 84-year-old Japanese automotive parts maker, Asahi Tekko, produces components that are fitted into Lexus and Land Cruiser models at nearby Toyota factories. Many of those vehicles are then shipped to the United States.

For decades, the route has been one of many supply lines that underpin the automotive industry. Now, however, it is a source of unease for Asahi Tekko, as the company grapples with recent fluctuations in US trade policies.

When President Donald Trump laid down a 25% tariff on Japanese automobiles and parts this year, Tetsuya Kimura, the CEO of Asahi Tekko, thought, "Is he actually going to do something like that?" Kimura recalled. He added, "The thinking seemed so oversimplified."

Asahi Tekko has not yet felt the full effect of the tariffs, which are to be set at 15% as part of Japan's recent trade agreement with the Trump administration. Still, the uncertainty is unnerving. Kimura fears they could hurt American demand for cars and cut the need for his parts.

"When it comes to how much impact these tariff rates will have, we don't have a calculus," he said.

Under the Trump administration, virtually all of the world's largest carmaking countries are subject to double-digit tariffs on automobiles and auto parts. While big foreign manufacturers of cars, such as Toyota, have the profits to absorb the added costs, industry experts expect a more devastating effect on the dense networks of auto parts suppliers that make everything from pistons to wiring.

In the world's largest car-producing countries such as Japan, Germany and South Korea, thousands of small and mid-size parts suppliers form the backbone of the manufacturing sector. The United States is the largest purchaser of finished vehicles assembled in those countries, and for Japan and South Korea, it is also the largest direct importer of components.

Unlike some carmakers, suppliers often operate on razor-thin profit margins and don't have the money to invest in shifting production to other countries. The tariffs are also just the latest problem for companies contending with a shift to electric vehicles that could make many of the parts they produce for combustion engine vehicles obsolete.

"Smaller players in the auto industry don't have levers they can pull to adjust to the tariffs," said Michael Robinet, a vice president at S&P Global Mobility, an automotive intelligence provider. The shift to electric vehicles and rising competition from Chinese competitors are already causing suppliers to consolidate. "Tariffs are just an accelerator," he said.

Japan's auto parts sector employs more than 600,000 people across some 20,000 companies, many of which are industrial lifelines in rural areas of the country. South Korea's parts industry employs about 330,000, while in Germany, suppliers make up about a third of the more than 700,000 people in the automotive sector.

Disruptions to trade flows are already becoming apparent. In Japan, the value and volume of auto parts shipped to the United States have fallen each month since May, when tariffs on them went into effect. In July, the value of auto parts shipped to the United States dropped 17.4% from a year earlier.

In a recent survey by the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry, South Korea's largest business organisation, 81% of automobile and auto component companies said tariffs would hurt their earnings.

Tariffs have already cost the German auto industry billions of dollars, said Hildegard Müller, the president of the German Association of the Automotive Industry. Last month, the European Union reached a deal with the United States that would lower auto tariffs to 15%, but Müller said the agreement had brought no "clarity or improvement" for businesses.

In details of the US-EU agreement published last week, the two sides said the United States would lower tariffs on vehicles only after Europe took steps to lower its own tariffs on American goods. Japan and South Korea are also waiting for the lower auto tariffs they were promised in their own trade deals with the United States to take effect. Last month, the International Monetary Fund projected that US tariffs would significantly weigh on growth in Germany, as well as in South Korea and Japan. It forecast that the three economies would expand this year and next at only around two-thirds the pace that it had predicted in January.

This has left governments scrambling to offer relief. South Korea has set aside around $11 billion to support manufacturers. Citing the tariffs as a "national crisis," the Japanese government of Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba has allocated $6.3 billion to support affected businesses and plans to open 1,000 consultation centres across the nation.

At the same time, new challenges are emerging. Last week, the Trump administration announced that 50% duties are now in effect on more than 400 additional kinds of products, including many car parts, that contain aluminium or steel. Those products were additions to an existing list of tariffed metal goods that already included many other auto components.

For some officials and industry workers in Japan, South Korea and Germany, the looming fear is that rising tariff costs will compel some suppliers to shift production from their home countries to the United States. This would effectively hollow out their domestic industries and weigh on economic growth.

In April, the Trump administration agreed to provide a partial, two-year reprieve for auto parts tariffs for companies that finish assembling cars in the United States. Trump, who has championed the tariffs as a way to bring back lost manufacturing jobs, said he was giving the industry "a little bit of help" with the transition to US-made components.

This temporary relief followed pleas from US automakers, including General Motors, which gets many parts from Mexico and South Korea. The companies warned that the previously announced levies would raise production costs and significantly cut into profits.

The Trump administration has said manufacturers in America would have to get their components domestically to avoid higher tariffs after the two-year reprieve.

In South Korea, as well as Japan and Germany, many suppliers had already shifted some production to the United States in recent decades. But some suppliers have resisted moving over to avoid higher American production costs, according to Seongdae Cho, the director of the trade studies and cooperation department at the Korea International Trade Association, one of the country's biggest business organisations.

When the reprieve ends, companies still supplying the American market from abroad would be at a significant disadvantage. "They may come at a crossroads between being replaced and having to produce in the US," he said.

In Japan, Kimura, the CEO of Asahi Tekko, said the company, for now, wasn't planning on significantly changing its operations. It will continue to monitor demand in the US market while trying to increase efficiency, particularly by using more artificial intelligence.

During a recent interview, Kimura asked a personalised bot he had created of himself on ChatGPT, called "Kimutetsu," how to reduce the effect of tariffs on his business. The bot responded that he should use the external pressure as a "springboard" to change the company's structure and make it more profitable.

The New York Times

The eye behind the lens still matters

PUSHKAR V

Last week, many of us marked World Photography Day. For me, it was not just a date on the calendar but a moment to pause and reflect on a journey that began in 2008, when I first borrowed my brother's DSLR camera. Since then, I've carried my lens through rocket launches, landslides, riots, droughts and cricket matches. My photographs have documented both the extraordinary and everyday life. And in the 11 years, one thing has stood firm – no matter how much the tools change, the essence of photography and the pursuit of truth remain.

I often look at works of the masters who composed their frames on analogue cameras without the luxury of previews or instant reviews. Their work was pure, honest, and without filters. Each frame was precious, composed with thought and patience because film was limited. I missed being part of that era. Much later, a family friend entrusted me with a Rolleiflex, a 120mm German box camera with just 12 frames per roll. Every shot demanded patience. I had to manually set the aperture and shutter speed based on the lighting condition, carefully focus the image through the inverted reflection bouncing from a mirror and finally press the delicate shutter button. Then came the long wait for film developing, relying on a few experts left in the city -- and then anxiously waiting for final results, hoping all 12 frames froze a moment.

Cut to today. A couple of months ago, we had a story on dowry deaths, but there were no photographs to go with them. I turned to AI as suggested by the editor. It was not the first time. Back in 2023, for a story on digital scams using artificial voices, I generated an AI image. That became perhaps the first AI photograph to be published on the front page in *DH*'s long history. However, this time the tool was faster, sharper and frighteningly realistic. Once again, the AI-generated image made it to page one.

This shift is not just about tools but about trust. In April 2023, Berlin-based photo and video artist Boris Eldagsen shook the photography world when he won the Sony World Photography Award. He refused the prize, calling himself a "cheeky monkey" entry, as his submission was an AI-generated image. The incident sparked debates in photography circles and exposed the fear many of us share: if AI can create award-winning images, what happens to the craft we have dedicated our lives to?

But history reminds us of hope. In the 19th century, when the camera was invented, painters feared their profession was doomed. But did painting die? In the late 20th century, when digital cameras entered the scene, analogue photographers feared the end of film. Many adapted, some held on, and both worlds coexisted. From bulky two-megapixel phone cameras to today's 200-megapixel lenses the size of a tiny coin, mobile phone cameras changed how we look at the world. Everyone has a camera in their pockets, but here we are, professional photographers still telling touching stories and painters creating masterpieces on canvas. Tools evolve, but truth remains.

And yet, I carry a sense of uncertainty. It feels as though we are stepping into an entirely new era of image-making, or we already have. We don't know where AI is headed or how deep its influence might run. Hence, it is important to learn how it works, how it can be harnessed for good and how to keep truth at the centre.

For stories where no photograph can exist, like dowry deaths or scams carried out in the shadows, AI can step in. For stories that demand physical presence, like standing in knee-deep water covering a flood, or in the frontline of war, or at the edge of a riot, or capturing the roar in a stadium, AI cannot replace a human photographer.

I don't see AI as an enemy but as a tool, a powerful and unpredictable tool. It can distort reality and weaken trust, but in the right hands, it can open new ways of storytelling. The real challenge is balance. To let technology assist without allowing it to replace, to ensure the story serves the truth and not the tool. It's a fine line, where the photographer's eye remains the compass and AI only the brush.

Over 11 years, I have heard colleagues repeatedly say, "News photography is over." But it never is. Tools evolve, and yet the eye and heart behind the lens keep telling stories. AI is not the death of news photography. It is a new brush, a new roll of film, and a new device in our bag. And as long as there are stories to tell, a photographer will be there. Cameras may change, and tools may shift, but when the world asks, 'What really happened?' it will always be the photographer who answers.

OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: AUGUST 1975

Seva Dal founder Hardikar dead

Belgaum, Aug 26
Dr. N. S. Hardikar, 87, veteran freedom fighter, social worker and founder of the Hindustani Seva Dal, passed away this morning at Ghataprabha. His death came as he might have wished in the placid atmosphere of the Karnataka Health Institute which he was striving to develop into one of the finest institutes of rural health and medical care. The news of his death plunged the entire institution into grief. A large number of friends and admirers from far and near, rushed to the institute to pay homage to "Ajja" as he was affectionately called. Dr. Hardikar was a bachelor.

25 YEARS AGO: AUGUST 2000

Govt for bio-diversity board

Bangalore, Aug 26
The State Government has decided to establish a Bio-Diversity Board to advise the government on matters regarding the conservation of bio-diversity and its sustainable use; it will regulate, grant approvals for commercial utilisation and co-ordinate the development of a Karnataka Bio-Diversity Information System. A decision to set up the Board was taken at the meeting here today under the chairmanship of Forest Minister K H Ranganath. The meeting was attended by Karnataka State Planning Board Deputy Chairman Jairam Ramesh and Minister B K Chandrashekar.

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The power of resilience

Resilience is a law of nature. It means the ability to recover quickly from illness, change or misfortune. It can be found every where — in the physical world, the plant world, the animal world and the human world. Today we suffer from some kind of damage both intellectually and materially. Such problems are a part of nature, that is the power of resilience.

The only thing that is required is patience. When you suffer from some kind of damage either internally or externally, keep your patience. This is what Dr McEwen, Head of Lab of Neuro endocrinology at the Rockefeller university has called giving the mind a chance. If you give this chance to your mind, it will soon release a strong energy which will provide you the help required in any untoward situation. For example, in the case of anger, the mind will readily manage it; in the case of material loss, it will enlighten you as to how to do new planning; in the case of tension, it will provide you the formula to forget, and within minutes you will become tension- free. The formula of resilience is also applicable to the problems of nations. One such example is the recent history of Japan. Japan was the first to suffer the dire effects of nuclear bomb, during second world war. But Japanese leaders, followed the formula of resilience.

They were able to replan their national targets and the result was miraculous; within a span of 30 years, Japan emerged as an economic super power.

A simple demonstration of resilience is your remaining silent when you become angry.

On the contrary if you become provoked & react negatively, your anger will persist, and will very soon turn into malice & even violence. The Bhagavad Gita teaches that resilience is a combination of self-awareness, purpose and perseverance. It also emphasizes resilience as a crucial quality for navigating life's challenges and achieving spiritual growth, The Quran emphasises the importance of resilience in the face of challenges & to maintain patience & submission to God. The Prophet Muhammad(s) faced immense trials and tribulations with a spirit of unwavering resilience. Swami Vivekananda's teachings emphasise the profound importance of inner strength and resilience. In the Bible, resilience means to 'bounce back', withstanding shock, returning to form, maintaining strength, and not giving up.

Justice Nagarathna dissents on collegium's Supreme Court pick

Records her opposition to Justice Pancholi's elevation, says it's counterproductive

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court collegium on Monday recommended the elevation of Patna High Court Chief Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi to the top court, but one of five judges, Justice BV Nagarathna, made a strong note of dissent against the appointment.

Justice Nagarathna reportedly cited Justice Pancholi's 57th rank in the all-India list of seniority of high court judges as well as the issue of regional representation to record her opposition to the recommendation.

The collegium led by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and comprising Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath and JK Maheshwari recommended

Justice BV Nagarathna

the names of Justice Alok Aradhe, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, and Justice Pancholi, Chief Justice of Patna High Court, for elevation as judges of the top court.

If approved, Justice Pancholi would be in line to be the Chief Justice of India from October 2, 2031, upon retirement of Justice Joymalya Bagchi, and continue in the post till May 27, 2033.

However, during the deliberation, Justice Nagarathna recorded a strong note of dissent against Justice Pancholi's appointment.

She is learnt to have said that his appointment would not only be "counterproductive" to the administration of justice but would also put the credibility of the collegium system at stake. Her note also cited the circumstances of his transfer from the Gujarat High Court to the Patna High Court.

Gujarat representation

Besides the all-India ranking, Justice Nagarathna also pointed out that the Gujarat HC was already represented on the Supreme Court by Justices JB Pardiwala (who is in line to be the CJI between May 2028 and August 2030) and NV Anjaria. Having another judge from the same high court would skew the balance at a time when several high courts remained unrepresented or under-represented, she felt.

In May, the collegium first deliberated to elevate Justice Pancholi, but the idea was shelved in view of reservation by another judge. But on Monday, his name was cleared despite Justice Nagarathna's dissent.

SpiceJet bans army officer for 5 years over staff assault

MUMBAI, PTI: SpiceJet has imposed a five-year flying ban on the senior army officer, who had allegedly assaulted its staff at the Srinagar airport in July, sources said on Tuesday.

Police had registered a case against the army officer for allegedly assaulting and injuring four employees of SpiceJet at the Srinagar International Airport on July 26.

The sources close to the development on Tuesday said the officer has been placed on the no-fly list for a period of five years.

The officer has been banned from taking any domestic, international or non-scheduled flights operated by the airline during this period, they added.

There was no comment from SpiceJet.

On August 3, SpiceJet said the senior army officer, who was to board a flight to Delhi, assaulted four airline ground staffers at the Srinagar airport on July 26, and one of them suffered a spinal fracture.

An FIR has been registered with the local police, and the airline initiated the process to place the passenger on the no-fly list in accordance with civil aviation regulations. The assault happened after the passenger was told to pay for the extra cabin baggage, SpiceJet had said in a statement.

The officer had also filed a counter-complaint with the police, alleging assault, following which the police registered an FIR against the airline staffers.

'Higher judiciary' pressure: Tribunal judge opts out of case

NEW DELHI, PTI

In a rare incident, a judicial member of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has alleged being "approached by one of the most revered members of the higher judiciary", seeking an order in favour of a party, and has recused himself from hearing the matter.

The Chennai-based bench of the appellate tribunal has even recorded the incidence in a two-paragraph order passed on August 13.

Justice Sharad Kumar Sharma, the judicial member of the NCLAT, has recused himself from hearing the matter.

"We are anguished to observe that one of us, Member (Judicial), has been approached by one of the most revered members of the higher judiciary of this country for seeking an order in favour of a particular party. Hence, I recuse to hear the matter," the NCLAT bench said in the order.

It requested that the matter be placed "before the chairperson for nomination of an appropriate bench" for hearing.

The two-member bench comprised Justice Sharma and Technical Member Jatindranath Swain. The bench was hearing an appeal filed by A S Reddy, suspended director of Hyderabad-based KLSR Infratech, which is facing Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

The judgment was reserved by the insolvency appellate tribunal on June 18, 2025.

The matter was listed for orders on August 13, 2025, before the two-member Chennai bench comprising Justice Sharma and Swain.

However, when the matter was called, Justice Sharma recused himself from the matter and mentioned the reason in a two-paragraph order passed on that day.

CIRP was initiated by the Hyderabad bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) against KLSR Infratech over the plea filed by its creditor AS Met Corp Pvt Ltd in 2023. It had appointed an interim resolution professional after suspending the board of the realty firm.

A S Reddy challenged the order before the NCLAT.

Misuse of funds: Former Andhra CID chief Sanjay surrenders before ACB court

HYDERABAD, DHNS: Former Andhra Pradesh CID chief N Sanjay, who also worked as fire services DG, and is facing charges of fund misappropriation, surrendered before the ACB Special Court in Vijayawada on Tuesday.

Sanjay, who served as CID chief during the YSRCP government, handled several high-profile cases, particularly those involving TDP leaders at the time.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) registered a case against the 1996-batch IPS officer for allegedly misusing government funds to develop an app for the Fire Services Department. While the High Court had initially granted Sanjay anticipatory bail, the Supreme Court cancelled it on July 31, 2025, directing him to surrender before the concerned court. The ACB court sent Sanjay to judicial remand on Tuesday.

Sanjay oversaw several high-profile cases, including the AP Skill Development scam, in which the then-opposition leader and TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu was arrested in September 2023.

He was also suspended in December last year.

He was accused of misusing funds in procuring some hardware, laptops, and iPads, and also developing a web portal when he was working as Director General, AP State Disaster Response & Fire Services.

He was also accused of misappropriation of funds to conduct SC, ST awareness programs when he was the additional DG of CID.

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

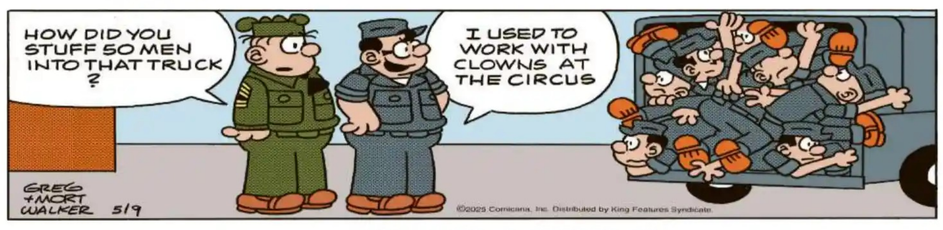
Blondie

WHY IS SHE SHAKING YOUR PHONE?
HARPER'S JUST PLAYING WITH THE BABY RATTLE APP!
RATTLE RATTLE
WOW, WHAT'LL SHE USE NEXT... A NAP APP?
OH, YES!
BUT NOT UNTIL SHE'S STREAMED HER BABY SHARK SHOW
GOO!
BABY SHARK DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO

Hagar The Horrible

REMEMBER, WE NEED TO EASE TENSIONS. BE SURE TO COMPLIMENT THE KING WHEN YOU STAND BEFORE HIM!
YOUR MAJESTY, I MUST COMPLIMENT YOU ON THE BEAUTIFUL CASTLE RENOVATIONS DONE SINCE YOUR LAST OBSCENE TAX GRAB!

Beetle Bailey

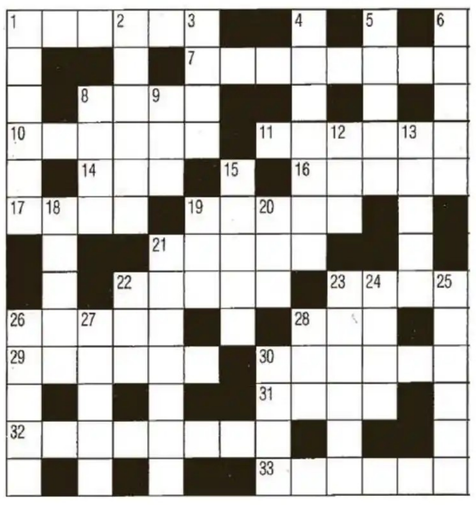


Peanuts

WELL, WE LOST AGAIN
WE WON A MORAL VICTORY, THOUGH, DIDN'T WE?
NO, WE DIDN'T EVEN WIN A MORAL VICTORY
WE DIDN'T?
I HATE IT WHEN WE DON'T EVEN WIN A MORAL VICTORY

Marvin

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 12234



CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 It can be blown from a pipe (6)
7 Song of loneliness (8)
8 Discontinue supporting (4)
10 It's played mainly by American schoolchildren (6)
11 Tear it badly – the dress! (6)
14 By making a hamper vegetarian (3)
16 Betray in the manner of the deserter aboard (3,2)
17 Mostly the red variety? (4)
19 It's played with effortless artistry (5)
21 Foreign language letter to mail, perhaps (5)
22 The game for bigheaded fliers (5)
23 Hams proceed to go with sausage (4)
26 At sea, can keep crews moving (5)
28 Ruby red sealant? (3)
29 They're thought of altruistically (6)
30 Difficult, and it's no good going by taxi (6)
31 Lives a double life at Oxford (4)
32 Musical composition makes me no poet (4,4)
33 City no longer a noted centre of potteries (6)

DOWN
1 Beaten due to signs of having been smoking in bed (6)
2 Ronnie's dog? (6)
3 Spot a key agent (4)
4 Possibly astir in numbers due to the wind (7)
5 An old army measure (5)
6 Number seen to include a five (5)
8 As taken for a trip? (4)
9 The poet may put it over shortly (3)
12 Black salt? (3)
13 Registers the car (5)
15 At Ponders End, mail is sorted for the city (5)
18 A repealed statute, to be precise? (5)
19 Tool on a chain, perhaps (3)
20 Say it's so (3)
21 A breakdown can lead to strain on it (7)
22 Be noted as a flier (3)
23 Girl in a state getting a kiss! (6)
24 A political line? (4)
25 Put up for hire, being sound (6)
26 Thus a hut is ramshackle, in a way (5)
27 Animal in its smaller form, having no tail! (5)
28 Lived in Kawasaki (3)
30 Father suggests it's up to me (4)

ACROSS
1 Afternoon nap (6)
7 Nazi emblem (8)
8 Barrel (4)
10 Zodiac sign (6)
11 Jungle hunt (6)
14 Writing tool (3)
16 Irritates (5)
17 Done on a large scale (4)
19 Tooth (5)
21 School punishment (5)
22 The southern US (5)
23 Remainder (4)
26 Pigmeat (5)
28 Roll of money (3)
29 State without proof (6)
30 Strict (6)
31 Norse god (4)
32 Stool pigeon (8)
33 Dozen (6)

DOWN
1 Method (6)
2 Traps (6)
3 Poses a question (4)
4 Up to (2,3,2)
5 Ultimate, last (5)
6 Desert's fertile spot (5)
8 Drinking vessels (4)
9 Star (3)
12 Tree type (3)
13 Harvests (5)
15 Pick-me-up (5)
18 Shock, dismay (5)
19 Mingle, blend (3)
20 Sheltered side (3)
21 Delays, loiters (7)
22 Female deer (3)
23 Deep narrow gorge (6)
24 Paradise (4)
25 From that place (6)
26 Round container (5)
27 Boy's name (5)
28 Marry (3)
30 Type (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12233

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, Stoat 6, Seats 9, D-ought-y 10, Handy 11, Reaps 12, Pekes 13, Ref-used 15, Pop 17, At-Op. 18, Scrape 19, SM-ith 20, Ch.-arms 22, Diva (avid) 24, Hay 25, Pelican 26, Strap 27, D-I-nah 28, Dig-it 29, Gentian 30, Cheer(s) 31, Meth-s.
DOWN: 2,Tea set 3, Adds up 4,To-Y 5, Ogl-e-d 6, Stretch 7, Eyes 8,Tip-top 12, Perms 13, Ran-Ch. 14, Foray 15, Pani-c 16, Pe-ca-n 18, Steep 19, Smother 21, H-amis-H 22, Divine 23, Vani-sh 25, Party 26, Sage 28, Dam.

EASY
ACROSS: 1, Straw 6, Aorta 9, Firearm 10, Adorn 11, Bench 12, Resin 13, Jupiter 15, Les 17, Amid 18, Peseta 19, Ruler 20, Knives 22, Mess 24, Sue 25, Prior to 26, Dices 27, About 28, Minim 29, Painful 30, Cruel 31, Genes.
DOWN: 2,Tedium 3, Afraid 4, Win 5, Never 6, Arbiter 7, Omen 8, Ticket 12, Rebus 13, Jacks 14, Pixie 15, Lever 16, Say-so 18, Peers 19, Recital 21, Number 22, Mobile 23, Strife 25, Penny 26, Dupe 28, Mug.

◆SU-DO-KU-6686◆

5						8		
	6			2	9			1
7				6				2
			6	9				
9	7						4	5
				3	4			
1				5				9
2			3	8			7	
		4						6

very hard

8	2	5	6	1	4	9	7	3
1	7	9	8	3	2	6	4	5
6	3	4	7	5	9	8	2	1
4	9	8	5	7	6	3	1	2
7	6	2	1	9	3	5	8	4
5	1	3	2	4	8	7	9	6
3	8	7	4	2	5	1	6	9
9	4	1	3	6	7	2	5	8
2	5	6	9	8	1	4	3	7

SOLUTION TO 6685

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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							RACK 1
N1	R1	U1	U1	O1	D2	T1	
							RACK 2
R1	C3	L1	N1	E1	I1	E1	Triple Word Score
							RACK 3
B3	S1	M3	B3	E1	O1	R1	Double Word Score
							RACK 4
S1	P3	T1	A1	A1	E1	L1	

PAR SCORE 145-155
by JUDD
FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

P3	I1	C3	K5	A1	X8	E1	RACK 1 = 116
S1	U1	N1	S1	P3	O1	T1	RACK 2 = 77
E1	U1	L1	O1	G2	Y4		RACK 3 = 30
P3	R1	O1	V4	O1	K5	E1	RACK 4 = 98

PAR SCORE 210-220 JUDD'S TOTAL 321

HITORI-3140

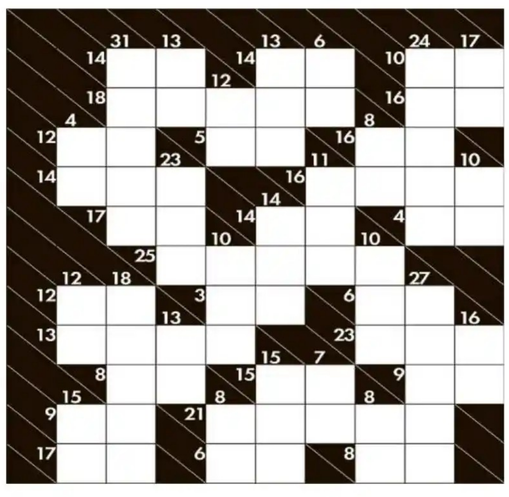
3	3	5	2	6	8	4	6
6	8	3	1	7	3	3	4
7	5	4	6	3	7	2	2
2	6	1	6	4	5	6	3
4	4	3	3	2	6	5	7
3	8	2	4	6	7	1	5
4	7	6	6	5	2	8	3
6	1	7	5	3	6	6	8

SOLUTION TO 3139

■	7	3	■	4	■	6	1
7	8	■	6	3	4	■	5
3	■	5	■	6	1	2	4
4	6	2	7	1	■	5	■
■	3	■	2	8	6	■	7
5	1	6	8	■	7	4	3
2	4	■	1	7	8	■	6
6	■	4	3	■	5	8	■

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3140



SOLUTION TO 3139

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3659

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SOLUTION TO 3658

7	2	4	9	1	3	6	5	8
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1	6	7	4	5	2	8	3	9
4	8	2	5	3	6	1	9	7
9	5	1	2	7	4	3	8	6
3	7	6	1	8	9	5	2	4

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

IPTNE
BCEAL
BRDIFO
VARELG

I told you guys we were having berries today, fish tomorrow. Let's move! We need to pose for tourists.
Who made you boss?
Get lost!
THE GRIZZLY CAME ACROSS AS BOSSY, ARROGANT AND ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRING SNOWY LIQUID UNSURE
Answer: When it comes to creating unique lodging establishments, she's — "INN-GENIUS"

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Trump renews push for nuclear talks with Russia and China

WASHINGTON, REUTERS: US President Donald Trump said he wants to open denuclearisation talks with Russia and China, revisiting an issue he previously raised as he also seeks to restart stalled diplomacy with North Korea.

"One of the things we're trying to do with Russia and with China is denuclearisation, and it's very important," Trump told reporters ahead of his meeting on Monday with South Korean President Lee Jae Myung at the White House.

"I think the denuclearisation is a very — it's a big aim, but Russia is willing to do it, and I think China is going to be willing to do it too. We can't let nuclear weapons proliferate. We have to stop nuclear weapons. The power is too great," Trump said.

At a separate White House event earlier on Monday, Trump said he had raised the issue with Russian President Vladimir Putin. He did not share specific details on when the conversation took place. "We're talking about limiting nuclear weapons. We'll get China into that," Trump said.

Xi to welcome Putin, Modi in grand show of solidarity

Xi-Modi meeting will be one key event on summit sidelines

BEIJING, REUTERS

President Xi Jinping will gather more than 20 world leaders at a regional security forum in China next week in a powerful show of Global South solidarity in the Trump era, while also helping sanctions-hit Russia pull off another diplomatic coup.

Aside from Russian President Vladimir Putin, leaders from Central Asia, the Middle East, South Asia and Southeast Asia have been invited to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, to be held in the northern port city of Tianjin from August 31 to September 1.

The summit will feature Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first visit to China in more than seven years as the two neighbours seek to further defuse tensions following deadly border clashes in 2020.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping attend photo session during the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia. REUTERS FILE

Modi last shared the same stage with Xi and Putin at last year's BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia, even as Western leaders turned their backs on the Russian leader amid the war in Ukraine. Russian embassy officials in New Delhi said last week Moscow hopes trilateral talks with China and India will take place soon.

"Xi will want to use the summit as an opportunity to showcase what a post-American-led international order begins to look like, and that White House efforts since January to counter China, Iran, Russia and now India have failed to yield the intended results," said Eric Olander, editor-in-chief of The China-Global South Project, a research agency. "Just look at how much BRICS has rattled US President Donald Trump, which is precisely what these groups are designed to do."

This year's summit will be the largest since the SCO was founded in 2001, a Chinese foreign ministry official said last week, describing the bloc as an "important force in building a new type of international relations".

The security-focused bloc, which began as a group of six Eurasian nations, has expanded to 10 permanent members and 16 dialogue and observer countries in recent years. Its remit has also widened from security and counter-terrorism to economic and military cooperation.

Analysts say expansion is high on the agenda for many countries attending, but agree the bloc has achieved limited cooperation outcomes over the years and that China values the optics of Global South solidarity against the United States at a time of erratic policymaking and geopolitical flux.

"What is the precise vision that the SCO represents, and its practical implementation, remain rather fuzzy. It is a platform with growing convening power, which aids narrative projection," said Manoj Kewalramani, chairperson of the Indo-Pacific Research Programme at the Takshashila Institution think tank in Bangalore.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Pop superstar Taylor Swift and American football player Travis Kelce announced their engagement on Tuesday, setting the stage for a high-profile wedding for the celebrity couple. AFP FILE

France in political crisis after PM's confidence-vote gamble

▶ France lurched into a political crisis after Prime Minister Francois Bayrou gambled on a confidence vote, with little hope of any quick solution to fix its ailing public finances, whether a new government or a snap parliamentary election comes next, Reuters reports from Paris.

French markets tumbled after Bayrou jolted the political establishment out of its summer slumber on Monday with his unexpected move to seek a September 8 confidence vote on his debt-cutting plan. The main opposition parties were quick to make it clear that they would be voting against him and his minority government, meaning it is all but certain to fall, barring a deal the opposition said was not going to happen. Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau, who leads the conservative Republicans, said it would be "irresponsible" and "against France's interests" to vote for the government to fall. Others disagreed. The far-right National Rally said Bayrou had de facto announced the end of his government. Marine Le Pen's party now wants President Emmanuel Macron to call a snap parliamentary election.

Palestinian state not now: Merz

▶ German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said on Tuesday that Germany would not join an initiative of western allies to recognise the Palestinian state at next month's UN General Assembly, Reuters reports from Berlin.

Merz was speaking at a joint news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, who said last month that Canada planned to recognise the state of Palestine, following similar announcements by France and Britain. "The position of the federal government is clear, as far as the possible recognition of the state of Palestine is concerned," Merz said. "Canada knows this. We will not join this initiative. We don't see the requirements met."

Pak evacuates 1.5 lakh as India warns of floods

Flood fears rise in Punjab amid India-Pakistan tensions

LAHORE, REUTERS

Pakistan evacuated at least 1.5 lakh people in areas along three rivers in its agricultural heartland to escape flooding, as neighbouring India warned it plans to release excess water from a dam, officials said on Tuesday.

The arch-rivals have been ravaged by intense rain and flooding in recent weeks. The release of excess water, in addition to heavy rains, threatens to further inundate parts of Pakistan's Punjab province, which serves as the country's breadbasket and accounts for a large part of its food supply.

The nuclear-armed nations have been in a tense stand-off since a brief conflict in May, their worst fighting in decades, and any flooding blamed on New Delhi could inflame ties.

Pakistani officials said they received a second warning from India on Monday that it intends to release water from the rapidly filling Madhopur Dam, on its side of Punjab province. The forced evacuations began on Friday ahead of the Indian warning and have continued, said a spokesperson at Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority. The total number also includes at least 35,000 who had left voluntarily after multiple early warnings since August 14, she added.

Rescue workers evacuate villagers from a low-lying area of the Sutlej River after India released water from overflowing dams, in Pakistan's Punjab province, on Tuesday. AP/PTI

Army troops are also taking part in the evacuation drive.

India routinely releases water from its dams when they become too full, with the excess flowing into Pakistan.

An Indian government source said they had not mentioned a specific dam, but the intense rainfall led them to share the second warning with Pakistan through diplomatic channels. Asked if more warnings could be issued, he said it was possible. New Delhi had already warned Pakistan on Sunday that large volumes of water would flow into its waterways due to heavy rains.

Three rivers – Ravi, Sutlej and Chenab – flow into Pakistan from Indian territory. Those rivers are now experiencing medium to high flooding, the Pakistani authority said on Tuesday, warning of more intense rain in Punjab and Pakistan's Kashmir in the next 12 to 24 hours.

Mazhar Hussain, a Pakistani disaster management official, said India will release a controlled amount of water from its dams in the coming days.

Israel conducts rare raid in Ramallah

RAMALLAH (WEST BANK), AP/PTI

Israeli forces carried out a rare daytime raid on Tuesday in the heart of the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, where the Palestinian Authority is headquartered.

Dozens of Palestinians were wounded, according to local medics, as people throwing stones scattered after gunfire and tear gas. Israel said it targeted money exchanges linked to Hamas. But the raid was likely to further undermine the internationally recognised Palestinian Authority as it seeks to capitalise on the recent decision by some major Western countries to recognise Palestinian statehood.

The Palestinian Authority is led by rivals of Hamas. It cooperates with Israel on security matters and exercises limited autonomy in parts of the West Bank. Many Palestinians view it as a corrupt and autocratic entity. The Palestinian Red Crescent said 58 people were wounded, eight of them by live fire and 14 by rubber-coated bullets. A few dozen people hurled rocks at a line of Israeli armoured vehicles as they rolled into the city centre. The military said it detained 5 people "suspected of terrorist activity."

Video footage showed people running as tear gas canisters landed on busy streets and sidewalks, an Israeli soldier firing rifle shots into the air and people carrying a wounded youth to an ambulance. Violence in the West Bank has surged during the war in Gaza, with the Israeli military carrying out large-scale operations targeting militants.

Reform UK party vows to mass deport migrants if voted to power

LONDON, AP/PTI: Nigel Farage, the leader of Britain's hard-right Reform UK party, said on Tuesday that if he wins the next election his government would deport anyone who arrives in the country illegally.

Farage laid out his plans to tackle illegal immigration following a significant rise in the number of migrants, and weeks of protests over the government's use of hotels to house asylum-seekers.

Despite holding just four of the 650 seats in the House of Commons, Farage's party has gained momentum by seizing on public frustration over illegal migrants.

Modi to explore Japan's new E10 bullet trains for India

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Japan this week may pave the way for India to procure the latest E10 bullet trains, which Japan itself plans to launch in 2030.

Modi is expected to travel to Miyagi with Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba to see the prototypes being built by East Japan Railway Company. Officials from both sides are preparing an agreement for India's 508-kilometre Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) Corridor.

Modi leaves New Delhi on Thursday and will hold the 15th India-Japan annual summit on Friday. "The summit will give both prime ministers the opportunity to conduct an in-depth review of bilateral ties, take stock of progress across multiple domains, and exchange views on regional and global issues," Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said.

The E10 bullet trains will run at 320 kilometres per hour, like Japan's current E5 series, but feature advanced safety systems to prevent derailment during earthquakes and allow for future driverless operations.

India and Japan signed an MoU in 2015 to build the Mumbai-Ahmedabad line using Shinkansen technology, with the E5 trains originally planned for use. Tokyo has since offered India the E10 series, set to debut in Japan in 2030.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is funding Rs 88,000 crore (81%) of the project's Rs 1,08,000 crore cost. The rest will come from equity contributions by the Ministry of Railways and the Maharashtra and Gujarat governments.

Modi is also scheduled to meet Indian drivers training in Japan to operate the new trains. Despite delays in land acquisition, significant construction progress has been made: 392 kilometres of pier work, 329 km of girder casting and 308 km of girder launching are complete. Work has also begun on a 21-km undersea tunnel linking Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex to Thane.

The summit could also see the launch of a broader "next-generation mobility partnership" as India explores more high-speed rail projects beyond the Mumbai-Ahmedabad route.

Sri Lanka's former President Wickremesinghe gets bail

COLOMBO, REUTERS: A Sri Lankan court granted bail on Tuesday to former President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who was arrested last week over allegations that he misused state funds while in office.

Wickremesinghe, 76, joined the court hearing via Zoom from a state-run hospital. His United National Party (UNP) said he was admitted over the weekend on his doctor's advice to monitor his health.

Hundreds of supporters, including opposition politicians, gathered outside the court in central Colombo ahead of the hearing. Police cordoned off the complex by placing yellow barricades to keep the crowd in check.

"This is a sign of the independence of our judiciary," Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, the UNP's deputy secretary, told reporters outside the courthouse.

"We came out in support of democracy and due process. The government should continue measures to fight against corruption. We have no objection to that."

N.W.K.R.T.C., BAGALKOTE DIVISION, BAGALKOTE.

No/NWKT/BGK/TR/COMM/ 1712 /25 Dt: 26-08-2025.

e-Tender Notification No: 02/2025
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Inviting e-tender applications for: 1.Commercial Establishments & Cleaning Contract under "Pay & Use" system in the jurisdiction of Bagalkote division Bus stands premises. 2.An incompletely constructed building at Navanagar Bus stand, is to be offered for commercial purposes on "As is where is basis"

Interested parties may participate through the portal https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in within stipulated date and time as mentioned. For more details contact No: 7760991762 & 7760991752.

Last Date & Time for submission of tenders:16-09-2025 at 05:30 PM, Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid:18-09-2025 at 11:00 AM

Sd/-Divisional Controller,
N.W.K.R.T.C., Bagalkote Divn

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-243/KSMCA/2024-25

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಧಾರವಾಡ

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ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸನ್ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಮೃತ್ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, PWD ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಎಸ್.ಸಿಪಿ/ಟಿಎಸ್‌ಪಿ ಅನುದಾನ

1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 42407/11.00 ಲಕ್ಷ/ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ

ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ವಾರ್ಡ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಅನುದಾನ

2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 46962/6.00ಲಕ್ಷ/ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ

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3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 45885/45.00ಲಕ್ಷ/ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ

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ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (1 ರಿಂದ 3)

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08/09/2025** ಸಂಜೆ **04.00** ಗಂಟೆ

(2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09/09/2025** ಸಂಜೆ **4.30** ಗಂಟೆ

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (4 ರಿಂದ 7)

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25/09/2025** ಸಂಜೆ **04.00** ಗಂಟೆ

(2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26/09/2025** ಸಂಜೆ **4.30** ಗಂಟೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/594/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ/2025–26

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (EMPRI)

'Hasiru Bhavana', Doresanipalya Forest Campus, Vinayakanagara Circle, J.P. Nagar, 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560 078, Phone No.:080-26490747

No. EMPRI/CR-02/EIA/BMRCL-TAN/2025-26 Date: 26.08.2025

e- PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Environmental Management & Policy Research Institute (EMPRI), a Society registered under Karnataka Registration Act, 1960, is inviting short-term e-Tenders (Reference Number- EMPRI/2025-26/SE0004) for selection of Service Providers Registered on e-Procurement Portal for providing Environmental Quality Monitoring (Ambient Air and Noise) services for a period of two year with effect **from 08th September 2025.**

The bid document containing the information to be furnished and terms & conditions of contract, can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home).** Last date for receipt of tender through e-procurement portal **is 3:00 pm on 03.09.2025.**

For any addendum/corrigendum, bidders are requested to view at e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Tender Inviting Authority, Environmental Management & Policy Research Institute.

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Kempegowda Bus Station Division, Bengaluru

No: KST:KBS:COM:488:2025-26 Date:23.08.2025

E-TENDER/NEGOTIATION NOTIFICATION No.: 05/2025-26
(Through KPP Portal only)

Applications are invited from interested parties through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPP Portal) from **28.08.2025 to 19.09.2025** for selection of licensees for vacant/to be vacant general stalls No. 07 (New stall, T-1), 48, 60, 02, 11, 05 (New stall, T-3) at Kempegowda Bus Station, Stall No 23 at Mysuru Road Bus Station. And also applications are invited through negotiation for Stall no. 46, 114, Car & two wheeler parking (Terminal-3 entrance left and right side vacant space & Back side and beside the Indira canteen at T-3) at Kempegowda Bus station, Stall No. 03 (New stall, Open Space), 06, 11, 12, 11&12, 13, 30 & 31 at Mysuru Road Bus Station, Bengaluru and lower ground floor, upper ground floor, second floor and Overall total bus station as a Single Developer at Peenya Sri Basaweshawara Bus Station, Bengaluru. Tender documents can be downloaded at KPP portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and can be viewed at KSRTC website **ksrtc.karnataka.gov.in** For more information please visit Division office, Kempegowda Bus Station Division, KSRTC, Bengaluru-560009 and Contact Nos. 7760990554 / 7760990557, KPP Portal help Line: 09240214000 / 09240214001, **support@eprochelpdesk.com**

Sd/-
Senior Divisional Controller
KBS Division, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/JA/2496/2025-26

AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of vehicles.

1) CB_SUPRO_MINI_TRUCK YOM – 2022 Reg No – KA11C3079
2) CB_TATA_MOTORS_LPT _1815_DCR_42_HSD_BSVI YOM – 2023 Reg No – KA13D4750
3) CB_TATA_YODHA_TATA _MOTORS YOM – 2024 Reg No – KA19AE6375
4) CB_SUPRO_MINI_TRUCK YOM – 2023 Reg No – KA09AB0263
5) CB_AMBULANCE YOM – 2021 Reg No – KA06AB2402
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Suzuki Motor to invest Rs 70,000 crore in India over 5-6 years

Production of Suzuki's first EV kicks off in Gujarat

HANSALPUR, REUTERS

Japan's Suzuki Motor will invest Rs 70,000 crore ($8 billion) in India over the next five to six years, its chairman said on Tuesday, as production of the automaker's first electric vehicle began.

Through its majority stake in Maruti Suzuki, Suzuki Motors already produces 17 models in India for export to around 100 countries, including back to Japan. It will now also become the global production hub for the company's electric cars.

Shares of Maruti Suzuki rose 2.6% to an all-time high after the investment was announced during an event to mark the start of commercial production of the mid-sized "e Vitara" SUV at its Gujarat plant in the village of Hansalpur Becharaji.

Maruti will export between 50,000 and 100,000 of the EVs a year, its chairman RC Bhargava said. He added that there was not yet a timeline for a launch in India, the world's third-largest car market in which Suzuki commands a leading 40% share, in part due to the high cost of batteries that would push up costs for price-conscious local consumers.

PM Modi with Suzuki Motors PresidentToshihiro Suzuki flags off Maruti Suzuki's first EV e-Vitara from Hansalpur facility in Gujarat, on Tuesday. PTI

The e Vitara will compete with Hyundai's Creta and Mahindra's XEV 9e.

Suzuki Motor earlier this year trimmed its sales target in India, its biggest market by sales and revenue, and also scaled back its electric vehicle plans amid intensifying competition in the South Asian nation and a global slowdown in EV sales.

EV sales growth in India is still outpacing the overall car market and electric models account for about 4.5% of all cars sold in the current fiscal year from April 1. The government is maintaining a target of a 30% share by 2030.

The Gujarat plant is set to become one of the world's largest automobile manufacturing hubs, with a planned capacity of 1 million units, said Suzuki Motor chairman and president Toshihiro Suzuki.

It is surrounded by low-lying industrial units housing suppliers to Suzuki and other companies in the area.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who attended Tuesday's event and plans to visit Japan next week, said the plant, including the e Vitara, was a "big leap" towards the government's 'Make in India' goal. He again urged people to buy local products, saying that included anything made on Indian soil, irrespective of where the investment came from, including Maruti's cars.

US tariff triggers panic in sectors largely dependent on the American market

Quartz stone exporters seek government relief

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With the United States implementing a 50% tariff on Indian quartz stone exports from August 27, the domestic engineering quartz industry is urgently seeking comprehensive government intervention to prevent financial collapse while exploring alternative markets.

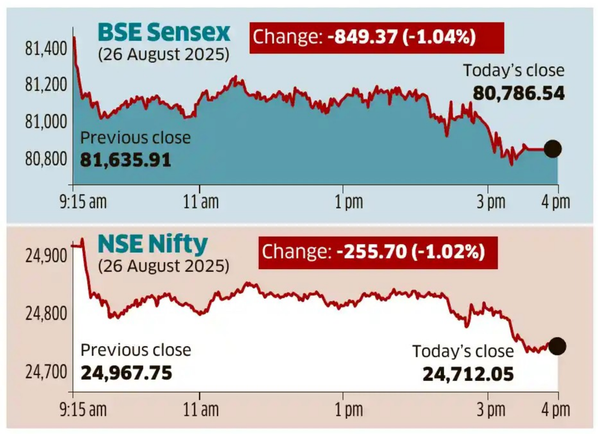
India's engineering quartz sector, which has invested approximately Rs 5,000 crore with additional investments underway, faces an existential crisis as the tariff effectively eliminates its competitiveness in the US market which accounts for 95% of the industry's production.

The Federation of Quartz Surface Manufacturers of India (FQSMI) has submitted a comprehensive relief proposal to the Prime Minister. The industry's primary demands include a three-year moratorium on term loan installment repayments, interest payments on term loans, and working capital facilities, coupled with immediate implementation of a 50% interest rate subvention. Additionally, manufacturers are seeking a reduction in GST on quartz surface products from the current 18% to 5% to enhance domestic competitiveness. "We have sought a three-year extension for PCFC closure and export bill realisation norms, along with exemption for EOU and SEZ units from customs duty on domestic tariff area sales, since the industry uses no imported raw materials or consumables," said FQSMI founder president Govindaraju Krishna Rao who wrote to the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

The industry has also requested permission to utilise 25% of existing working capital limits without additional security to develop new export markets and weather the current crisis. Other demands include import restrictions on marble and stone products to boost domestic demand and a Rs 500 crore allocation for new market development initiatives.

Stock benchmarks log worst day in 3 months

Nifty50 fell 1.02%, BSE Sensex 1.04%



REUTERS

The equity benchmarks logged their worst session in three months after a US Homeland Security notification confirmed that Washington will impose an additional 25% tariff on all Indian-origin goods from Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the Nifty 50 fell 1.02% to 24,712.05 and the BSE Sensex lost 1.04% to 80,786.54.

The benchmarks turned negative for August after Tuesday's session. They lost about 3% each in July. Fifteen of the 16 major sectors logged losses, while the small-caps and mid-caps dipped 2% and 1.6%, respectively.

In the currency markets, the Indian rupee continued its losing streak for a fifth consecutive session ahead of the tariffs.

Local markets are closed on Wednesday. Trading will resume on Thursday, a day after the tariffs go into effect.

Tariff concerns, coupled with muted earnings, have already prompted foreign investors to sell about $2.5 billion in August, the highest outflows since February. Equities fell on Tuesday "as India-U.S. trade negotiations are unlikely to materialise in the near term and erratic tariff decisions could impact economic growth in the coming quarters," said Amnish Aggarwal, head of institutional research at PL Capital. The benchmarks may see some knee-jerk, near-term jitters in the next few sessions as the real economic impact of the tariffs will only be evident after the implementation, he added.

HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank fell about 1% e while Reliance Industries dropped about 2%. They are the top three weighted stocks on the benchmarks.

Consumer stocks were one of the few gainers, rising 0.9%, led by Britannia Industries on expectations of lower goods and services tax on biscuits.

Rupee down for 5th straight session

The rupee continued its losing streak for a fifth consecutive session on Tuesday as Washington confirmed it will impose an extra 25% levy on Indian goods, clouding the outlook for Asia's third-largest economy. The fall in the rupee was curbed after dollar sales from banks, likely on behalf of the Reserve Bank of India, traders said.

MSMEs in several sectors hit hard

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The imposition of 50% tariffs by the US on India will significantly impact export of textiles including readymade garments, diamonds, gems & jewellery, chemicals, spices, leather, and engineering goods. The Indian MSMEs, across sectors, which account for as much as 45% of India's total exports, will be hit significantly.

The tariff, coming into with from August 27, will hit the textiles, gems and jewellery and seafood industries, which account for 25% of India's total exports to the US, the hardest. MSMEs have more than 70% share in these sectors and will bear most of the brunt. The chemical sector is also likely to feel the heat and MSMEs have a 40% share in it, according to Crisil Intelligence.

Pushan Sharma, Director, Crisil Intelligence, said, "Partial absorption of the increased product prices due to higher tariffs will put pressure on MSMEs, squeeze their already-slim margins and pose a material challenge to their competitiveness."

MSMEs in Surat, which dominates diamond exports with over 80% share, will feel the tariff shock. The US accounts for nearly a third of the exports. "Strategic policy measures and market diversification are now critical to cushion the sector from this external shock," said Onkar Sharma, Partner at Khaitan & Co.

MSMEs in the seafood sector will be disadvantaged, as they face severe competition from Ecuador, which is geographically closer to the US and has been levied a much lower tariff of 15%.

In chemicals, too, India faces stiff competition from Japan and South Korea, which have lower tariffs. Between textiles, chemicals, seafood and auto components sectors, the US tariffs will affect $19 billion worth of exports. The landed cost of Indian spices in the US will be significantly higher. "This will make us less competitive compared to other origins. The US is among our largest export destinations," said Yashmit Gala, CEO, Galaji Spices.

Knitwear, textile players brace for price cut demand from US buyers

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Exporters in the knitwear and textile hubs of Tiruppur and Coimbatore are preparing for tough negotiations with their US buyers, who are demanding discounts or price reductions of up to 25%. This comes in response to the 50% tariff and penalty imposed by President Donald Trump on Indian imports, effective from Wednesday.

The Tiruppur Exporters Association (TEA) fears that manufacturers could lose Rs 4,000 crore in the coming months if buyers insist that exporters continue to hold stock meant for the US market in factories. The US accounts for 30% of knitwear exports from Tiruppur.

The situation is similar in Coimbatore and Karur, which supply kitchen linen, bed linen, and hand towels to the US in large volumes with buyers asking exporters not to ship goods made exclusively for them.

Manufacturers told *DH* that they cannot sustain such losses for long, as the textile and knitwear sectors already operate on thin margins of 5-8% and have appealed to the Union Government to negotiate with the US administration for an early resolution.

However, they acknowledge that the government may not be able to offer a package that fully offsets the losses from the high tariffs and penalties.

Meanwhile, the Coimbatore-based Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA) has called for a support package similar to the one announced during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We manufacture garments for the US market in three cycles, each lasting 120 days. We believe one cycle will be lost entirely, with Rs 4,000 crore at stake. Buyers have already begun demanding heavy discounts exceeding 20%," K M Subramanian, President, TEA, told *DH*. He added that the only positive aspect is that many of the orders for the US market are seasonal. Also, buyers have limited options but to accept them from Tiruppur, though they may force exporters to offer significant discounts.

"Much of the finished goods are still in factories, being held on pause. Even some goods delayed at ports have been recalled to our factories," he explained.

Subramanian warned that if the tariffs remain at 50% and the situation does not improve, exporters will be forced to seek other markets. However, the general consensus in Tiruppur is that the US market is irreplaceable due to the sheer volume of orders and US consumer spending power.

Kumar Duraiswamy, Joint Secretary, TEA, noted that the high tariffs are problematic not only for exporters but also for importers who need goods to stock for Black Friday, Christmas, and other key festival seasons. "Buyers are demanding discounts on orders that are under production or already manufactured, while purchase orders at the sampling stage have been put on hold. Both countries need trade, and we hope for a swift resolution," Duraiswamy added.

Dr K Selvaraju, Secretary General, SIMA, said when the US imposed a 25% tariff, exporters sought around a 6 percent discount. Now, demands for discounts have surged to over 20%.

"The government cannot create markets for us, as this market was built over a long time. If the situation worsens, production stoppages and layoffs are inevitable. We cannot accept 20% discounts given our already slim margins," Selvaraju said, urging for a COVID-19 type relief package for the textile industry to weather this crisis.

Readymade garment industry staring at its revenue growth being halved

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Revenue growth of India's readymade garment (RMG) industry is set to nearly halve year-on-year this fiscal as the imposition of 50% tariffs by the US on its imports from India comes into effect from August 27, 2025. That, coupled with a decline in profitability, will impact credit metrics for industry players. The impact will vary by company, some of which get more than 40% of their revenue from the US.

An analysis of over 120 RMG makers with total revenue of about Rs 45,000 crore, by Crisil Ratings, indicates as much. RMG exports totalled approximately $16 billion last fiscal and accounted for about 27% of the RMG sector's revenue. A third of the exports were to the US. The 50% tariff puts India at a distinct disadvantage compared with competing nations like China, Bangladesh and Vietnam.

Manish Gupta, Deputy Chief Rating Officer, Crisil Ratings, explained, "If the tariffs hold, RMG exports to the US will see a sharp decline. In the first quarter of this fiscal, total exports from India rose 10% year-on-year to $4 billion, with exports to the US recording a 14% growth during the same period. The trend is expected to sustain through August 26 till the enhanced tariffs kick in. Post 50% tariffs, Indian exports to the US may be minimal, despite limited capacity of competing nations in value-added garments and lead time taken by big-box retailers in the US to re-align their sourcing arrangements. Overall, we expect the share of the US in India's RMG exports to fall from 33% last fiscal to 20-25% this fiscal."

This would mean players will have to realign trade with other major export destinations—the European Union (EU), United Kingdom (UK) and United Arab Emirates (UAE), which together form 45% of India's exports for fiscal 2025. The recently signed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the UK is also likely to result in higher exports to that country from the end of this fiscal, providing some relief to the industry.

Gautam Shahi, Director, Crisil Ratings, said, "The domestic market for RMG, accounting for three-fourths of the sector's revenue, will continue to see steady revenue growth of 8-10% this fiscal, fuelled by economic growth, interest rate cuts, and tax reductions. This, in turn, will cushion the tariff blow and spur overall growth at the sector level, but at a slower pace than last fiscal."

Weaker revenue growth and tariff-driven competitive disadvantage in the US will impact profitability of India manufacturers. Profitability of RMG exporters dependent on the US could contract 300-500 basis points as they will bear the tariff brunt.

Khetika opens new manufacturing facility in Bengaluru

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Khetika's co-founders Darshan Krishnamurthy, Prithwi Singh and Raghuveer Allada, at the launch in Bengaluru

Food staples brand Khetika has opened its new manufacturing facility in Bengaluru, and it targets 50% of clean batter market share in the city. Prithwi Singh, Co-founder & CEO, Khetika, told *DH* that the facility will serve Bengaluru and nearby cities initially, but the brand's larger goal is to capture 50% of the market of clean batter and chutney category in every city that they enter, starting with Bengaluru.

This will be the largest plant in the country for traditionally stone-ground batters, with an initial capacity of 30 tonnes per day, expandable up to 100 tonnes. The food brand directly sources from farmers across 14 states in the country.

"For fresh batters and chutneys, Bengaluru will be our third facility. We already have plants in Delhi and Mumbai. Over the next 12 months, we plan to expand to a total of eight such facilities. Beyond that, we also have plants for other categories: makhanas in Bihar, spices in Gujarat and Punjab, and dry fruits in Mumbai. With the new Bengaluru unit, this will bring us to six operational manufacturing plants across categories," the co-founder said.

According to him, the batter market in India is currently worth around Rs 15,000 crore, but less than 5% of that is organised. Three big trends such as health, convenience and shift in eating habits are driving growth.

"Bengaluru is already the largest organised market in India for batters, which makes this facility even more significant. With the overall market growing at 15–20% CAGR, there's massive opportunity, and Khetika is well-positioned to capture it," he said.

Speaking about competitors, Singh said that the brand's positioning is unique. "We are India's first zero-preservative clean food brand at scale. That makes us different from conventional players. Moreover, in categories like chutneys, there is hardly any large, organised player yet," he said

Govt mulls extending pension investments to gold ETFs

BLOOMBERG: The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) is considering easing investment restrictions after portfolio managers pushed for new ways to boost returns on a rapidly growing pool of retirement money, according to people familiar with the matter.

Retirement fund managers met senior officials from the pension regulator in a series of meetings late last month and requested permission to invest in gold ETFs, the people said, asking not to be named discussing private matters. The regulator is considering the proposal, and has sent draft language on gold investments to the funds for feedback, the people said.

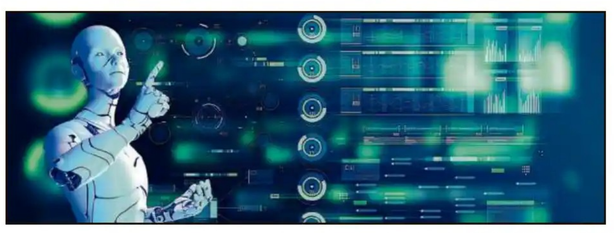
The pensions funds, which collectively manage about INR15.5 trillion ($177 billion) also asked for eased rules around real estate investment trusts and infrastructure trusts, they said. Currently, those funds are treated as alternative assets, and subject to a rule capping them at 5% of the pension's overall investments.

The ask is the latest in a string of requests by the pension industry seeking more flexibility in how the funds can invest a growing pool of savings. Pension assets have more than tripled since the pandemic, driven by India's economic growth and rising participation in the financial system.

In the last few months, managers have asked through an industry group for easier rules on the tenor and rating of securities they can buy, though the regulator hasn't yet decided on the changes the pensions are seeking.

$300-500 bn new spend pools can be unlocked with agentic AI: Nasscom

BENGALURU, DHNS: With agentic artificial intelligence (AI), $300-$500 billion new spend pools can be unlocked, said Nasscom. On Tuesday, Nasscom with McKinsey & Company released key findings of their report - Future of Technology Services: Leading with AI, in which they said enterprise tech spending will continue to be resilient, with budgets increasingly directed toward AI to unlock value creation. However, there will be wide dispersion across verticals, and few micro verticals will dominate investments. Mid-tier enterprises to accelerate tech intensity, the report added.



The report provides a view of how the technology services industry has evolved, and the opportunities that lie ahead as the sector prepares for a decade of accelerated change.

Between 2020 and 2025, the technology services sector experienced major structural shifts—from pandemic-driven digital acceleration to the disruptive rise of AI and geopolitical shifts that began to reshape traditional service models. The sector maintained a healthy growth trend in this period and played a key role to accelerate digital transformation for the global enterprise, the report said.

It pointed out that looking ahead, enterprises are recalibrating their technology spend, balancing the need to modernize and innovate with the imperative to control costs. At the same time, disruptive technologies like agentic AI are emerging as key differentiators, requiring both a reimagined technology stack and a new approach to orchestrating workflows.

"While India's tech services industry will retain a relative growth edge, revenue expansion is projected to remain muted with recovery anticipated between 2027–30, yielding a 5-7% growth over a 5-year period. During this period, demand for productivity will intensify," the findings pointed out.

Young Zidaan setting karting tracks afire with his age-defying driving skills

Barely eight, Bengaluru boy has made his mark in the ongoing MECO-FMSCI Rotax Max Indian National Karting Championship

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Karting runs in the veins of Zidaan Arshaan Anees' family. That adrenaline rush and the joy of winning sucked the eight-year-old into following the footsteps of his predecessors.

"My grandmother (Noor Jahan Anees) was India's first female karting winner," shared Zidaan. "My father (Arshaan Anees) and uncles (Mezaan Anees and Ashad Pasha) have also raced in the past. The thrill from the speed, similar to a rollercoaster, is something I have loved about karting since I took it up," said Zidaan, who got behind the wheel when he was around six years old.

With the karting culture thriving in the city over several years, Zidaan is one of youngest Bengaluru kids on the block making a mark in the MECO-FMSCI Rotax Max Indian National Karting Championship, held across Chennai, Coimbatore and Bengaluru.

Demonstrating talent and grit in the ongoing season, his back-to-back double podium finishes have helped his team, Peregrine Racing, climb the top of the table after round two of the six-round event.

But his journey back to winning ways has a back story of enduring pain. The third-grade student at the Mallya Aditi International School in the city, had to go through two surgeries on his wrist after a freak accident during a test drive in April 2024.

The incident, naturally, had his parents worried and it cast doubts on his return to karting.

"We did not know if he would get back to racing," recalled mother Marella Gilbert Anees. "Though he was in pain, it seemed as if his biggest worry was his inability to compete in the upcoming race."

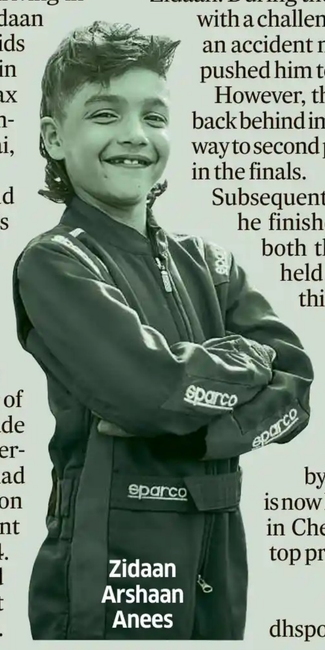
The hurdle did little to deter his determination to excel. In a spirited show, he was competing on the fast lane eight weeks post injury and won his first race at the Meco Meritus Cup this April 27 - exactly a year after the injury.

Currently participating in the Micro Max category, he is on track to qualify for the World Final on November 29 this year in Bahrain provided his team maintains its good record in the remaining four rounds.

The first round, held on July 13 and 14, was undoubtedly a weekend of highs and lows for Zidaan. During the pre-finals, he was faced with a challenge once again. This time, an accident midway through the race pushed him to sixth place.

However, the youngster put the setback behind immediately and fought his way to second position among 14 drivers in the finals.

Subsequently, in the second round, he finished second, yet again, in both the pre-finals and finals, held on the first weekend of this month in Coimbatore.



Zidaan Arshaan Anees

Coached by seven-time national racing and karting champion Ameya Walavalkar at Peregrine Racing, the young driver, inspired by F1 star Max Verstappen, is now headed to the third round in Chennai with an eye on the top prize.

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FOOTBALL

India look to Jamil for answers

New coach's first big test will be CAFA Nations Cup

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Newly-appointed head coach Khalid Jamil during India's training session in Bengaluru. AIFF

Paying taxes, picking squads, attending press conferences and getting sacked are the four certainties in the life of a football manager. Khalid Ahmed Jamil, Indian team's new boss, however, has one more -- punching above his weight.

With shoestring budgets and no star-studded casts, Jamil has been coming up with the goods constantly in his 16-year coaching career and has earned a reputation of a fighter in the Indian footballing circles.

From taking over a struggling Mumbai FC and keeping them in the top-flight for a prolonged period while they were in dire financial straits to scripting one of India's greatest footballing fairytales with underdogs Aizawl FC and to being awarded the AIFF Men's Coach of the Year twice in 2023-24 and 2024-25, Jamil has been climbing charts that no Indian coach has seen in a long time.

And that is one of the main reasons why the stubborn, foreign coach-obsessed All India Football Federation has put all their eggs in the Khalid basket, which they usually don't or haven't done with Indian coaches over the last two decades.

"I'm feeling very good (on his appointment), very happy," Jamil told *DH*. "It is a very proud moment for me. However, it is also a big challenge. We must work as a team and strive for getting a positive result."

The 48-year-old also brings one thing that none of the foreign coaches over the last 13 years brought: sheer love for the badge. And for a national team that has been called out for not playing for the name in front of the shirt, taskmaster Jamil might just be the safest and best bet for picking the path forward. While change remains the only constant, every change in leadership leads to new ideas and challenges. This transition from (former coach) Manolo Marquez to Jamil suggests that India are eager to fight even with limited resources at their disposal.

"The preparation has been good. We only had a little time but it is alright. We have picked the 23-member squad, there is a good mix of seniors and juniors. It is going to be tough, especially starting with an away game, but I'm happy with the preparation so far."

With India now having a disciplinarian as the guiding light, the under-achieving squad will have no room for comfort zone and his ideology believes in trusting the process and not fretting over the little stuff. "Talking about my preparation and plans, all focus is now on the first game. It is a process. We have to take it step by step. Match by match. Whatever players we have, we must concentrate on them. And the main target now is to do well in the preparatory tournament for the Qualifiers ahead."

KHALID JAMIL
Indian team head coach

"I always give my players freedom. They must play their natural game. But depending on the situation, we have to play as a team."

Jamil's first assignment will be the CAFA Nations Cup, starting on August 29 in Tajikistan.

The AIFF usually have missed getting off at the nearest station after taking the wrong train, but perhaps this time, there is a certain sense of optimism that they have boarded the right one to reach their desired destination.

Hubli Tigers storm into final

MYSURU, DHNS

Hubli Tigers post a massive 110-run win over Mangaluru Dragons in the Qualifier 1 of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 at the Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Stadium on Tuesday to book their spot in the final.

Devdutt Padikkal (99 not out off 64 balls) and Abhinav Manohar (50 off 23) combined to form a dominant partnership of 105 runs in 48 balls and post a formidable total of 210/2 in 20 overs for the Tigers.

Ritesh Bhatkal (3/20), KC Cariappa (2/14), Shreesha Achar (2/24) and Yash Punja (2/30) then proceeded to suffocate the Dragons in the second innings and bowled them out for 100 runs in 16.1 overs.

Devdutt Padikkal scored an unbeaten 99 in Qualifier 1.

Bengaluru Blasters overpower Gulbarga Mystics by eight wickets in the Eliminator to advance to Qualifier 2.

An all-round performance by the Blasters' bowling contingent helped contain the Mystics to a meagre 122/8 after 20 overs. In the second innings, Chethan LR and Mayank Agarawal ensured that their 53-run partnership in 32 balls built a solid base for Suraj Ahuja (44 n.o. off 20) to end the chase scoring 126/2 in 12.3 overs.

Brief scores: Qualifier 1: Hubli Tigers: 210/2 in 20 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 99 n.o., Abhinav Manohar 50, Mohd Taha 37) bt Mangaluru Dragons: 100 all out in 16.1 overs (Aneesh KV 28; Ritesh Bhatkal 3-20, K C Cariappa 2-14, Shreesha Achar 2-24, Yash Punja 2-30).
Eliminator: Gulbarga Mystics: 122/8 in 20 overs (Lavish Kaushal 35; Vidyadhar Patil 2-30) lt to Bengaluru Blasters: 126/2 in 12.3 overs (LR Chethan 40, Mayank Agarwal 28 n.o., Suraj Ahuja 44 n.o.).

Vishal sparkles for Presidency School

BENGALURU, DHNS

Vishal Reddy SV made a mark with the ball first and later padded up to add useful runs for Presidency School, RT Nagar as they defeated St. John's High School by nine wickets in the KM Ramprasad Shield Under-16 School (Division II) tournament here.

Vishal claimed four wickets (4/5) as SJHS were skittled out for 72 runs in 21.3 overs.

In reply, Sathwik Rao V (33 n.o.) and Vishal (32 n.o.) completed the chase in 8.2 overs.

Brief scores: St. John's High School: 72 all out in 21.3 overs (Sanjan S 28; Vishal Reddy SV 4-5) lt to Presidency School, RT Nagar: 75/1 in 8.2 overs (Sathwik Rao V 33 n.o., Vishal Reddy SV 32 n.o.).
Carmel School, Padmanabhanagar: 112 all out in 17 overs (Ruthvik R 2-16, Padmaj P 4-26) lt to Sudarshan Vidyamandir, ICSE: 113/8 in 31.1 overs (Nabhanyu 27; Amogh Sanil S 2-27, Rian Urs MN 2-21, Vismay N Murthy 2-13). Bethany High School: 82 all out in 20.2 overs (Neev Bhattacharjee 50; Vihaan Shivakumar 2-6, Dhruv Nambiar 2-7) lt to Frank Anthony Public School: 83/1 in 5.5 overs (Ishaan Bohra 29 n.o., Rishi Harivatsa S 33 n.o.).
Sri Kumaran Public School, ICSE: 71 all out in 17.5 overs (Nehal Jishnu DN 30; Tanish Bennuri 2-16, Navaneeth Kothapalli 2-9, Shyam Simhadri 3-20) lt to Vydehi School of Excellence: 65/2 in 9.1 overs (Tarun Rajesh 27, Karthikeya Jayaram 2-16).
Abandoned due to wet outfield and rain. Presidency School, Nandini Layout vs Kensri School; Mallya Aditi International School vs Venkat International Public School; St. Paul's English School vs Carmel High School; Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul International vs VVS Sardar Patel High School.

Baisoya sets the pace in Kolar

KOLAR, DHNS

Honey Baisoya set the mark at four-under 68 on the opening day of the Rs 1 crore Kolar Open as Zion Hills Golf County debuted on the PGTI circuit here on Tuesday.

Honey, who hails from the DLF Golf & Country Club, Gurugram, took a two-shot lead and established the course record at the new venue thanks to his first-round effort in gusty conditions.

The 29-year-old Baisoya, a seven-time winner on the PGTI in the past, was the clubhouse leader as the first round could not be completed on Tuesday due to the fading light. Eight players out of a total of 126 are yet to complete round one.

Four players were bunched at tied second in the clubhouse with scores of two-under 70. The quartet included Tapendra Ghai from Gurugram, Delhi's Shaurya Bhattacharya, Mumbai lad Aryaman Aditya Mohan and Sri Lankan K Prabagaran.

Chandigarh's Angad Cheema, a multiple winner this year, and last week's runner-up Udayan Mane of Pune, struck scores of 73 to be placed T-24. Arjun Prasad of Delhi, currently second on the PGTI Order of Merit, returned a 76 to be tied 46th.

Vihari leaves AP for Tripura

NEW DELHI, PTI: Hanuma Vihari, remembered more for his gritty outing against Australia at SCG in 2021 than for his series-topping 289 runs against West Indies in 2019, has decided to leave Andhra Pradesh and play for Tripura in the 2025-26 domestic season.

Vihari said on social media that he has signed for Tripura as one of their three professionals for this season. He will represent Tripura.

"After thoughtful consideration, I have made the decision to move to the Tripura Cricket Association, where I'll be representing the state in all three formats of the game," the 31-year-old wrote on X.

Sunny's fifer fires Young Lions to victory over NUCC

BENGALURU, DHNS: Sunny Kanchi produced a spell of 5/7 to bundle out National United Cricket Club for a mere 93 runs before his side Young Lions Club posted a five-wicket victory at the KSCA Group I Under-19 Inter-club tournament.

LOCAL CRICKET

Chasing the target, Young Lions had hiccups as Vishwesh Alagundagi and Sriram took two wickets each to keep United's hope alive.

However, Roshan Kumar's 40 not out ensured Lions reached the small total by the 25th over.

Brief score: National United Cricket Club: 92 all out in 36.1 overs (Pratham Shankar 23; Kushal Rathod 2-5, Sunny Kanchi 5-7) lt to Young Lions Club: 93/5 in 24.4 overs (Roshan Kumar 40 n.o.; Vishwesh S Alagundagi 2-14, Sriram V 2-27).

Visweswarapuram Cricket Club (1): 250/5 in 50 overs (Srinivasa Karthikeya 72, Akshaj Kathuria 79, Anmol D Pagad 49 n.o.; Krishna 2-41) bt Super Cricket Club: 190 all out in 40.2 overs (Aryaman Jhalani 39, Ashwath Krishnamurty 25; Devansh Joshi 5-35) via VJD.
Neptune Cricket Club: 74 all out in 25 overs (Tanmay Gowda Vikas 32; Ashith Shivanna 3-24, Siddesh A Asalkar 6-12) lt to Friends Union Cricket Club (2): 75/3 in 14.1 overs (Aadithya Vishwa Karma 24, Siddesh A Asalkar 21 n.o.).
Rajajinagar Cricketers: 144 all out in 46.2 overs (Rahul S 49, Pranav Kumar A 38 n.o.; Vallabh Hegde 3-24) bt Sir Syed Cricketers: 110 all out in 30.3 overs (Vedaraj K Yadav 34, Mokhit KS 35; Purushotham Raghu 4-26, Preetam CB 3-25).
Engrades Cricket Club: 180/4 in 41.3 overs (Rahul GV 90 n.o., Monik R 48; Nakka Manvesh Vasu 2-29) vs Kapali Cricket Club (Match abandoned due to rain).
Dooravani Cricketers (1): 193/5 in 46.1 overs (Shashank MP 105 n.o., Sujaybhushan Patil 54; N Likith 2-24, Ryan Bali 2-31) vs Mount Joy Cricket Club (Match abandoned due to rain).
Bharath Cricket Club: 165/8 in 45.3 overs (Navneeth V Raj 50, Shashank HC 39 n.o.; Kuldeep Singh Purohit 5-30) vs Chintamani Sports Association (Match abandoned due to rain).
Hammonds Cricket Club: 36/4 in 13 overs (Swayam Raje Urs V 3-15) vs Jawans Cricket Club. (Match abandoned due to rain).

Dubai Princess for feature

KOLKATA SELECTIONS

Patrick Quinn-trained Dubai Princess to be ridden by Trevor Patel appeals most in the small field of six runners in the fray for the Calcutta Monsson Sprint, the feature event of the races on Wednesday. The first race starts at 2:30 pm.
1. Pickwick Handicap - 2000M: Good Will 1, Veneno 2, Zambezi 3.
2. Maid Of Athens Plate - 1200M: Rosalia 1, Live It Love It 2, Polki 3.
3. Sprightly Handicap - 1200M: Roman Spirit 1, King Of Mafia 2, Outlander 3.
4. Calcutta Monsoon Sprint - 1200M: Dubai Princess 1, Clifford 2, Black Eagle 3.
5. Roubaix Handicap - 1400M: Madras Cheque 1, Go For The Moon 2, Into The Storm 3.
6. Treasure Land Handicap - 1400M: Swift Lady 1, I Smell The Danger 2, Rudra 3.
Day's best: Rosalia. **Jackpot:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. **I treble:** 1, 2, 3. **II treble:** 4, 5, 6.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:CEE/TKR/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AEE-2/25-26/5740-42 Date: 19.08.2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)
KPTCL invites tender for the following works in Operation Division Hiriyur of Transmission (Operations) Zone, Tumakuru **on Partial Turnkey Basis**.
Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TR(OZ)/TKR/SEE(O)/AEE-2/2025-26/Bid Enq-0034, 0035, 0036, 0037, 0038, 0039/ Dated: 13.08.2025 (Breakers will be supplied by KPTCL).
(1) Providing Additional 02 Nos. of 11kv MCVCB Feeder Breakers at **66/11kv S/S Challakere.**
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The detailed information regarding subject enquiry in KPP Portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 26.08.2025** and other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/-Chief Engineer Electy., Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, "Prasarana Bhavana, 1st Floor, Tumakuru 66/11kV S/s Premises, Tumakuru-572 103, Ph: 0816-2279074.

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(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030438)
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)
BESCOM invites tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for Availing Service of Vehicles for commutation of Officers and O&M Service stations of BESCOM for a period of two years.

Sl. No.	Description	Enquiry No.
1	Availing Service of Vehicles for commutation of Officers of BESCOM for a period of two years	BESCOM/2025-26/ SE0251 Call-2 to BESCOM/2025-26/ SE0260 Call-2
2	Availing Service of Vehicles for O&M Service stations of BESCOM for a period of two years	BESCOM/2025-26/ SE0261 Call-2 to BESCOM/2025-26/ SE0269 Call-2

Bid Documents available: **28.08.2025 onwards.** Last date for Bid Submission: **11.09.2025, 17:00 Hrs.** Opening of Bid Document: **12.09.2025,17:15 Hrs.** The Tender can be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website:**https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Aspiring Bidders need to register on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with Karnataka Public Procurement Portal help desk contact numbers (+91-8046010000 +91-8068948777, 09240214000 & 09240214001) or email at **support@eprochelpdesk.com**
Sd/- Chief General Manager, Ele., Procurement, BESCOM, 4th Floor, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 001, Ph.No: 080-22354939
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Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District
No: MAG(4)/MIS/CR/88/2022-23 Date: 21.08.2025
Invitation for Applications for Membership to the Visitors Board of Central Prison, Bengaluru Urban District.
Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the appointment of six non-official members (including two women) to the Visitors Board of the Central Prison, Bengaluru, which functions under the Department of Prisons, Government of Karnataka, in accordance with Rule 187(2) of the Karnataka Prisons Rules, 1974.
Those who wish to be appointed as members under the Visitors Board of the Central Prison, should have experience in Social Services, Law, Health, Psychology, Education, or other relevant fields. Applicants should have a genuine interest in prisoner rehabilitation, human rights protection, social service activities, and must not be affiliated with any political party or ideology. Discipline, integrity and a commitment to public service are essential qualifications.
Therefore, interested members of the public are instructed to submit their application along with their personal details (biodata) and copies of necessary documents within 15 days from the date of this publication to the address: Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban, K.G. Road, Bengaluru.
Sd/- Jagadeesh G., I.A.S.
Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate
Bengaluru Urban District
DIPR/CP/R2490/AAPL/2025-26

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No:TCC/TS/HS/CR- /2025-26 DATED: 20.08.2025
Short Term Tender Notification
The Executive Engineer, Tumakuru City Corporation, Tumakuru invites tenders as per the KTPP act 1999-2000 through e-Procurement portal For various works under various grants Eligibele Bidder can participate in the Tender. For more information go to website: www.kppp.gov.in .
Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal www.kppp.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:
1 Date of receipt of Tenders: 21.08.2025 to 28.08.2025. 2. Last Date for Submission of Tenders : 28.08.2025 at 04.30 PM 3. Date of Opening of Tenders : 29.08.2025 at 04.45 AM.
Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only e-Procurement portal and will not be published in news papers.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Tumakur City Corporation Tumakuru
DIPR/TUM/267/KSMCA/2025-26

Public Works Department
Chikkaballapur Division, Chikkaballapur.
No.:07/2025-26 Date: 25.08.2025
INVITATION FOR TENDER (I.F.T)
(For Road Maintenance Works-As per SBD KW1,2&3 in two cover system.) on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in public procurement Act 2000, the undersigned invite tenders for works in two cover system through KPP Protal from eligible contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders for from Date: 25.08.2025 to 01.09.2025 up to 04:00 pm. Any changes in the schedule and conditions of the tender will be notified only on the KPP portal. No press release will be issued. Further details may be obtained from the above office during hours on works days or from websites **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Chikkaballapur.
DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPUR/RO.177/KSMCA/2025-26

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Lakes (East Zone & KR Puram Constituency)
Room No.309, 3rd Floor, Annex-3 building, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Head Office, N.R.Square, Bengaluru-560 002
TenderNo: EE/Lakes/East&KRPC/TN-13/2025-26 Date: 25.08.2025
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Tender Notification)
(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)
Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/ Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Supply and Installation of lakes information Boards at Kelagina Byrasandra, Kaggadasapura, Kacharakanahalli Lake **Zone/Constituency- East Zone** **Value of work : Rs. 1,40,000/-, EMD : Rs. 3,500/-**
2.	Supply and Installation of lakes information Boards at Kowdenahalli, Horamavu Agara, Horamavu (Jayanthi), Challakere, Nagaraeshwara Nagenahalli, Benniganahalli, Mahadevapura-2, Vibhuthipura, and B.Narayanapura lake. **Zone/Constituency-K.R.Pura** **Value of work : Rs. 3,36,000/-, EMD : Rs. 8,400/-**

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of availability of Tender Documents: **28.08.2025 after 15:00 hours (2)** Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders: **03.09.2025 upto 15:00 hours (3)** Date of opening of tender: **04.09.2025 at 15:30 hours.**
Sd/-Executive Engineer, Lakes (East Zone & KR Puram Constituency)

Champion Vidya Pillai (left) and Amee Kamani pose with their spoils.

Vidya, Gulati emerge champions

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka cueist Vidya Pillai overcame a stiff test by Amee Kamani of Madhya Pradesh 8-6 en route to the women's title at the inaugural NSCI Heyball National Championships in New Delhi on Tuesday.

In the men's final, Sundeep Gulati edged Kamal Chawla of Railways 7-6. Gulati, who outclassed fellow Delhi cueist Hanish Sharma in the semifinals, came good when it mattered to keep Chawla at bay after the latter had defeated Karnataka's Harish Kumar 9-3 in the other semifinal.

Trailing 1-3 in the race-to-9 final, Vidya dug deep into her reserves to claw her way back into the contest. The 47-year-old, who won the heyball gold at the inaugural Commonwealth Billiards Championships last month, looked a different player as the match wore on.

The Bengalurean levelled at 3-3. With the final poised on a knife-edge at 5-5, Vidya shifted gears to race to 8-5. Amee, the current National snooker champion, did pull one back before running out of time in the 120-minute affair.

Results: Men: Final: Sundeep Gulati (Del) bt Kamal Chawla (RSPB) 7-6. **Semis**: Gulati bt Hanish Sharma (Del) 9-3; Chawla bt Harish Kumar (Kar) 9-3.
Women: Final: Vidya Pillai (Kar) bt Amee Kamani (MP) 8-6. **Semis**: Vidya bt Anupama Ramachandran (TN) 7-5; Amee bt Neena Praveen (TN) 8-6.
Final ranking: Men: 1. Sundeep Gulati (Del); 2. Kamal Chawla (RSPB); 3. Harish Kumar (Kar); 4. Hanish Sharma (Del); 5. Lalrina Renthlei (Miz); 6. Shahbaz Adil Khan (PSPB); 7. Harpreet Singh (Del); 8. Avinash Kumar (Del).
Women: 1. Vidya Pillai; 2. Amee Kamani (MP); 3. Anupama Ramachandran (TN); 4. Neena Praveen (TN); 5. Keerthana Pandian (Kar); 6. Suniti Damani (WB); 7. Ihika Shah (MP); 8. Chitra Magimairaj (Kar).

TENNIS US OPEN

Swiatek flexes her status; Wang makes a bang

Alcaraz off to a rollicking start; veterans Kvitova, Venus exit

NEW YORK, AFP

World No. 2 Iga Swiatek powered into the second round of the US Open on Tuesday, swatting aside Colombia's Emiliana Arango with a brisk straight-sets victory.

Swiatek arrived in New York as the bookmakers' favourite to win her second US Open after a blistering run of recent form which included a breakthrough Wimbledon title and a win at the Cincinnati Open.

Hong Kong's Coleman Wong celebrates his stunning first-round win over Aleksandar Kovacevic of the United States in New York on Monday. IMAGN IMAGES

The 24-year-old Polish star indicated she is ready to live up to that status with a quickfire 6-1, 6-2 demolition of World No. 84 Arango on the main Arthur Ashe Stadium court at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

Venus Williams battled bravely before bowing out of the US Open on her return to Grand Slam tennis on Monday as Spanish ace Carlos Alcaraz stormed into the second round with a dominant opening win.

Williams only returned to competitive tennis in July following a 16-month absence from the sport and had been granted a wild card into the main draw at Flushing Meadows. But hopes of a fairytale run -- 28 years after her debut in the tournament -- ended in a 6-3, 2-6, 6-1 loss to Muchova, who was not even born when Williams turned professional in 1994.

With the American exiting, 2022 men's champion Alcaraz took centre-stage in the late game in his first round tie against unseeded American Reilly Opelka.

The Spaniard arrived for the game sporting a striking new hairstyle -- a severe crew cut -- and he duly chopped down the 6ft 11in Opelka with a blistering 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 victory in 2hr 5min.

Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova brought the curtain down on her career after a 6-1, 6-0 defeat to France's Diane Parry.

Qualifier Coleman Wong became the first man from Hong Kong to record a victory in a Grand Slam singles event in the Open era with a 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (7/4) defeat of US player Aleksandar Kovacevic.

British fifth seed Jack Draper needed four sets to get past Argentina's Federico Gomez, 6-4, 7-5, 6-7 (7/9), 6-2.

Important results (prefix denotes seedings): First round: Men: 24-Flavio Cobolli (Ita) bt Francesco Passaro (Ita) 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; 5-Jack Draper (GBR) bt Federico Gomez (Arg) 6-4, 7-5, 6-7 (7/9), 6-2; 9-Karen Khachanov (Rus) bt Nishesh Basavareddy (USA) 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 7-5, 6-1; Cameron Norrie (GBR) bt Sebastian Korda (USA) 7-5, 6-4, 0-0 rtrd.
Women: 19-Elise Mertens (Bel) bt Alyssa Ahn (USA) 6-1, 6-0; 9-Elena Rybakina (Kaz) bt Julieta Pareja (USA) 6-3, 6-0; Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Rus) bt 30-Dayana Yastremska (Ukr) 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-4; 17-Liudmila Samsonova (Rus) bt Yuan Yue (Chn) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

MONDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

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- In a boost to Asian players, Alexandra Eala of the Philippines and Indonesia's Janice Tjen both won their first-round matches in the main draw.

Alcaraz creates a buzz with his shaved head

NEW YORK, AP: Carlos Alcaraz showed up at the US Open for his first-round match with a new look: a shaved head.

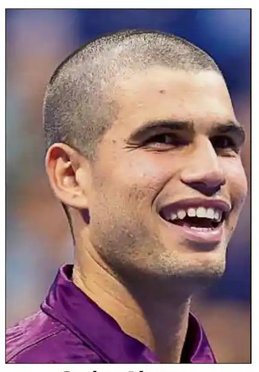
Alcaraz, who is seeded No. 2 at Flushing Meadows, caused a bit of a buzz with his buzz cut when he got to the tournament grounds before facing Reilly Opelka in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Alcaraz ran into golf star Rory McIlroy, who reached out his hand to rub the scalp's stubble. When Alcaraz played in the US Open's mixed doubles event last week, he did so with a full head of hair.

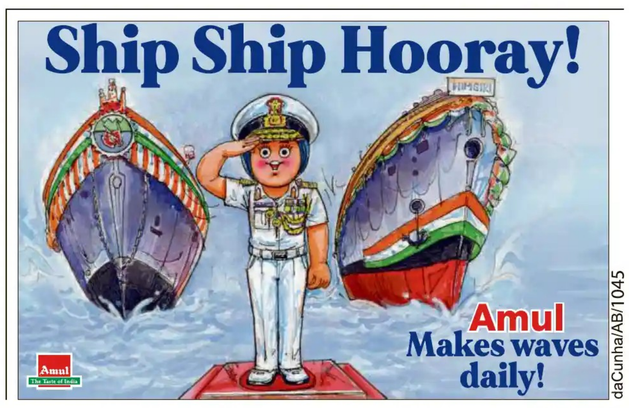
At least one other athlete—and friend—did not think the new 'do was a cut above: Frances Tiafoe, who lost in the semifinals in New York to Alcaraz in 2022. That was the year Alcaraz won the title at the US Open for the first of his five Grand Slam trophies.

"It's horrible. It's terrible. It's definitely terrible. That's my guy, though," Tiafoe said when asked about Alcaraz's haircut. "Funny, I looked and him, and I was like, I guess you're aerodynamic.'"

Tiafoe's critique wasn't finished there. "I don't know who told him to do that, but it's terrible. From a guy who gets haircuts week in, week out, who prides himself on good haircuts, it's horrendous."



Carlos Alcaraz



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Praggu, Caruana in joint lead

ST. LOUIS (USA), PTI

Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa **(in pic)** scored a fluent victory over Frenchman Alireza Firouzja to claim the joint lead after the seventh round of the Sinquefield Cup, which is a part of the Grand Chess Tour.

With his second victory coming after a string of draws, Praggnanandhaa joined Fabiano Caruana of the USA at the top of the table with 4.5 points on a day when world champion D Gukesh was outplayed by American Wesley So.

With Praggnanandhaa and Caruana in front, Levon Aronian and Wesley So now share the third spot on four points apiece, while Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, Duda Jan-Kryzsztof of Poland and Samuel Sevian of the United States are jointly holding the fifth spot with a fifty per cent score.

Gukesh and Alireza are next in the standings on three points each, and Nodirbek Abdusattorov seems destined to finish last, having just 1.5 points.

After a relative lull that failed to provide a single decisive game in the last two rounds, the seventh round provided as many as three decisive games out of a possible five in this 10-player, $375000 prize money tournament.

Apart from Alireza and Gukesh, lady luck continued to desert Nodirbek as he lost his fourth game in the tournament, this time at the hands of Duda. Praggnanandhaa outclassed Alireza, who apparently overrated his position after the opening.

The Rossolimo against the Sicilian is known to be a potent weapon, but Alireza went astray right from the early stages of the middle game which gave Praggnanandhaa the opening.

Chess World Cup in Goa from Oct 30

MUMBAI, PTI: Goa will host the FIDE World Cup from October 30-November 27, a tournament offering three coveted berths for next year's Candidates and a prize purse of $2 million.

The 206-member field features world champion D Gukesh, Magnus Carlsen, Fabiano Caruana and R Praggnanandhaa among others. But the reigning world champion Gukesh is not part of the Candidates qualification race so it remains to be seen if he competes for prize money and rating points. Hosts India have 21 players in the entry list, including reigning five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand, who has made the cut via the June 2025 FIDE rating list. But given that Anand has not played classical chess for a while, his participation also remains uncertain.

Sindhu, Prannoy on fire in openers

Hyderabadi ousts Nalbantova to set up clash against Thai's Letshanaa

PARIS, AFP

India's PV Sindhu returns during her win over Bulgaria's Kaloyana Nalbantova at the BWF World Championships in Paris on Tuesday. AFP

Star Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy advanced to the second round of women's and men's singles competitions respectively with straight-game wins at the BWF World Championships here on Tuesday.

Sindhu, a former champion, looked nervy at the start but slowly stepped up the pace and sharpened her attack to outwit world No. 69 Bulgaria's Kaloyana Nalbantova 23-21, 21-6.

The 2023 bronze winner, Prannoy, who has slipped to world No. 34, then prevailed 21-18, 21-15 over Finland's world no. 47 Joakim Oldorff in a 47-minute battle.

Sindhu will next meet Thailand's Karupathevan Letshanaa, while Prannoy is likely to take on second seed Anders Antonsen.

Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, looked nervy at the start to fall 0-4 behind due to a series of miscued shots early on. From 6-2, Nalbantova gave away few freebies as Sindhu narrowed it to 5-7.

The Bulgarian kept the pressure on the Indian to move to 9-5. A well-placed shot followed by another precise return saw Nalbantova grab a 11-7 advantage at the break.

After the break, world No.15 Sindhu unleashed a series of smashes, including her trademark cross-court returns, to claw back at 12-12. With the Bulgarian finding the net twice, Sindhu took a 14-12 lead.

The Indian's deep clears sailed out thrice as it was 15-15. Nalbantova moved to 19-17 after Sindhu's net shot tumbled inside after kissing the net.

After Sindhu levelled things with a fine net shot, she went long again as the Bulgarian had a game point but Nalbantova sprayed into the net as it was 20-20.

A forehand slice went to net as the Bulgarian grabbed a second game before not only squandering it again but handing her fancied opponent the game point once more. Sindhu sealed it this time.

Sindhu came out all guns blazing after the change of ends, surging to 5-1 lead with some aggressive returns. Nalbantova recovered to 5-6 but was erratic. Sindhu stepped up the pace with her cross-court attacks and led by six points at the break.

It was a one-way traffic as Sindhu quickly jumped to 17-5 with her opponent making a lot of errors, including judgement calls at the backline.

Sindhu grabbed 15 match points, squandered one before sealing it with a smash.

Duplantis, Lyles headline DL finals

ZURICH, AFP

Pole vault world record holder Armand 'Mondo' Duplantis **(in pic)** will aim to win a fifth successive Diamond League title on Wednesday in Zurich, the Swiss city hosting the circuit's finals just two weeks before the world championships in Tokyo.

"I have to be focused, I can't slack," said the US-born Swede, who has been in electric form, setting a 13th world record, of 6.29 metres, in Budapest earlier this month.

Duplantis will compete in one of six field disciplines held at a street event on Zurich's Sechselautenplatz, directly in front of the city's iconic opera house.

Olympic champion Yaroslava Mahuchikh will resume her rivalry with Australia's Nicola Olyslagers in the women's high jump while there is also the men's long jump, the women's pole vault, and the shot put for both male and female throwers. The remaining 26 Diamond League champions will be crowned in the course of a bumper programme at the Letzigrund Stadium on Thursday.

The array of global stars on show includes the likes of Olympic 100m and 200m champions Noah Lyles and Letsile Tebogo.

Neeraj final on Thursday

Star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will face stiff competition from Anderson Peters and Julian Weber as he looks to regain the Diamond League (DL) Final title on Thursday.

Chopra, who skipped two legs of the prestigious series in Silesia and Brussels, had won the DL trophy in 2022 before finishing runner-up in 2023 and 2024. He had competed in Doha and Paris. Out of the 14 DL meetings, four have men's javelin throw.

Bar sets two youth world records

AHMEDABAD, PTI: Indian weightlifter Koyel Bar **(in pic)** etched her name in history by setting two new youth world records en route to winning both the youth and junior titles in the women's 53kg event at the Commonwealth Championships here on Tuesday.

Competing in both the junior and youth categories, the teenager produced a stunning total lift of 192kg (85kg+ 107kg). She first equalled the snatch youth world record with an 85kg effort, before bettering the clean and jerk mark of 105kg by lifting 107kg in her second attempt. With that, she also erased the existing youth world total record of 188kg.

Koyel's effort was three kilograms more than her compatriot Sneha Soren, who claimed silver in the senior category.

IN BRIEF

Leg 12 of pro golf at Clover

Seasoned pros Amandeep Drall, Ridhima Dilawari and Seher Atwal will headline the 12th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at Clover Greens in Hosur starting Wednesday, reports DHNS.

A total of 34 players including five amateurs will tee up this week at the par-70 course.

Youngsters Sbeha Singh, Vidhatri Urs and Jasmine Shekar are some of the other contenders in fray.

Perez to drive for Cadillac

Former Red Bull driver Sergio Perez and Valtteri Bottas will drive for Cadillac next season, the new Formula One team announced on Tuesday, reports AFP from Paris.

The pair will be making a return to the grid in 2026, after being dropped this year, for the American outfit, who become F1's 11th team on the grid. Perez was sacked by Red Bull.

Sift shoots a golden double

SHYMKENT, PTI: Olympian Sift Kaur Samra **(in pic)** pulled off an incredible show, clinching the individual women's 50m rifle 3 positions gold and helping the country to the team title as well in the Asian Shooting Championships here on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old world record holder fired a superb 459.2 in the final to beat China's Yang Yujie (458.8) for gold and the trio of Samra, stalwart Anjum Moudgil and Ashi Chouksey also bagged the top podium in the team event with an aggregate of 1753 points.

India are placed second on the charts with 20 medals, nine of them gold. China are leading the table with 24 medals, including 13 gold.

This was Samra's fourth Asian Championships gold, and she was in a different zone altogether in the event as she qualified for the eight-shooter final placed No.1 with a score of 589.

Another Indian, Shriyanka Sadandi, who had topped the qualification round was not eligible for the final as she was competing for 'Ranking Points Only' (RPO). RPO shooters cannot compete for medals.

Juniors excel

Indian teenager shooter Anushka Thokur bagged her maiden international medal in style, clinching gold in the junior women's 50m rifle 3 positions event. She, along with Prachi Gaikwad and Mahit Sandhu, made it a grand double by winning the team gold.

Bilbao edge past Rayo

Athletic Bilbao beat Rayo Vallecano 1-0 on Monday to remain unbeaten after two games for their best start to La Liga since 2013 as Getafe also maintained their perfect run 2-1 at Sevilla, reports AFP from Madrid.

Athletic, competing in this season's Champions League, moved to a five-way tie at the top of the table thanks to Oihan Sancet.

Sancet made his mark on his return to action after three weeks on the sidelines with a knee injury sustained in a friendly against English side Liverpool.

Teen Rio steals it for Liverpool

NEWCASTLE, AFP

Liverpool needed a 100th minute winner from 16-year-old Rio Ngumoha to beat Newcastle 3-2, after blowing a two-goal lead against ten men, in a Premier League thriller on Monday.

Ryan Gravenberch and long-time Newcastle target Hugo Ekitike struck for the English champions, either side of Anthony Gordon's red card for a wild lunge on Virgil van Dijk.

But amid a frenzied atmosphere at St James' Park, the Magpies battled back through Bruno Guimaraes and William Osula only to be denied by teenage sensation Ngumoha's late strike.

Victory takes Liverpool level on maximum points from two games with Tottenham and title rivals Arsenal, who travel to Anfield on Sunday.

Liverpool's 16-year-old Rio Ngumoha celebrates after scoring a late winner against Newcastle United on Monday. AFP

Newcastle remain without a win as they miss their want-away talisman Alexander Isak.

The Swedish striker scored the winner when the sides last met in the League Cup final in March as Newcastle lifted their first domestic trophy for 70 years.

But Isak yet to feature for Eddie Howe's men this season as he seeks an exit from Tyneside.

Liverpool are the likely destination if Isak does leave before the transfer window closes in a week's time.

The Reds have reportedly had one bid of £110 million ($149 million) rejected as Newcastle want a British transfer record £150 million.

Adding to the Magpies' frustration is the fact the Premier League champions also won the race to sign Ekitike, who Newcastle had lined up as a potential Isak replacement.

Liverpool boss Arne Slot named new signings Ekitike and Florian Wirtz, alongside Cody Gakpo and Mohamed Salah in an ultra-offensive line-up that saw Dominik Szoboszlai deputise as a makeshift right-back in the early stages of the game.

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US Open: Second round **(8:30 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

BADMINTON
World C'ships: Round of 32 **(12:30 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network.**

FOOTBALL
Champions League (Play-offs Leg 2): Qarabag vs Ferencvaros **(10:15 pm)**, Benfica vs Fenerbahce, Club Brugge vs Rangers **(both 12:30 am, Thursday)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

CRICKET
Maharaja Trophy: Qualifier 2 **(7:15 pm)**. **LIVE** on **FanCode.**

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